

Silver City Public Library

Approved Library Board Meeting Minutes

4:15 PM, Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Meeting held at the Public Library, 515 W. College Ave., Silver City NM

Present: Ted Lynn David Krisch
Eileen Sullivan Hannah Wecks
Mike Dowd Lynda Aiman-Smith

Not present: Nick Seibel
Public/Guests present: None

Call to order – President Ted Lynn called the meeting to order at 4:15pm

Approval of Minutes from June 10, 2015 meeting – approved by acclamation

Approval of Agenda – approved by acclamation

Public Input - None

Reports

A. Memorial Report – Gift from the family of a judge who had passed some time back – gift of \$2000.

B. Friends of the Library Report – not a report, but some information that the Friends have been active, and made a goodly sum of money at the last book sale

C. Foundation Report – got the final check from the Norton estate, combined with the \$20K from the Optimist Club the Foundation has over \$560K. Ted has been talking with the managers at Edward Jones. Going to propose to Foundation board that Mike Morones do the taxes. The library director will need to put together some strategic needs. The SC Library board can work together, with the library director, and make recommendations to the Foundation board, but all fiduciary decisions will be made by the Foundation board.

D. Librarian's Report --

Summer Reading program huge enrollment – 645 kids registered, the 101 Things to Do brought kids to the library. Engagement in Summer of Science also successful.

Community Survey – reports and graphs being generated now.

Eileen noted how 25-30% of respondents are from areas outside Silver City, which is consistent with other data from the patronage. That opens the question about how to present that information to increase funding, since the funding currently is from the Town of Silver and from the state (based on a formula, but only using the Town population).

Part of the feedback was on library hours. They have responded by opening a bit later and therefore staying open later on Saturdays.

Staffing - Two part time cooperative students, which has helped a lot.

Report to state turned in. Eileen attended NM Municipal League Librarian meeting. Eileen and Lillian will be presenting at the Library Association conference, hope to network more with other libraries.

The library was really involved with the Festival of the Written Word – all the sessions were wonderful, and well

attended.

Old Business none

New Business

Ted brought up his experience working with a Silver High school class project on Western (1940s – 1950s) and suggested approaching the high schools. The library has been in touch with some of the high schools, and will continue working on internships and projects. Ted suggests starting at the superintendent level and working down.

Hannah Wecks offered to be a liaison with Cobre High school to get potential projects going. Eileen and Lillian will follow up.

Next library board meeting will be Nov 18, 2015 at 4:15pm (not Nov 11, since that is Armistice day).

Welcome to our official new member Mike Dowd!

Adjournment at 4:50pm

Minutes approved at the Nov 18, 2015 Silver City Public Library board meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Lynda Aiman-Smith, Secretary