

Silver City Public Library

Library Board Meeting Minutes May 10, 2017

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

Present: Ted Lynn Hannah Wecks
Eileen Sullivan, Mike Dowd, Lynda Aiman-Smith,
Judy Brown-Lawson

Absent: David Krisch
Public/Guests present: None

MINUTES

Call to order at 4:18

Approval of Minutes from April 12, 2017 board meeting – approved by affirmation

Approval of Agenda – approved by affirmation

Public Input -- None

Reports

A. Memorial Report – expenses included software renewal, some furnishings. Two staff worked together to get the tracking installed for art exhibits in meeting room

B. Friends of the Library Report - None

C. Foundation Report – Foundation fund increased \$6462 since last month - that stemmed from over \$2000 income from the Daily Press, plus growth in the Vanguard fund, and interest from other funds. A Foundation committee will be convening after May 15th to begin developing a set of decision criteria for how to invest/allocate the money. Once those decisions have been made the Library Board will be delighted to work with the Library Director to prioritize projects for which funds might be allocated.

D. Librarian's Report – Eileen reported on National Library Legislation Day. Got assurance that there is bi-partisan support right now for libraries, but there will likely be a struggle in 2018. There also was a great deal of interest in broadband issues. Out of Ben Ray Lujan's office they had a meeting with a legislative Fellow, who will be introducing legislation to fund "maker spaces." Also got to meet a research librarian from northern NM who is doing interesting things in maker spaces. Unfortunately there was no representation from K-12 or tribal libraries because of lack of funding. Net neutrality was a topic, and an advocate spoke tying net neutrality and public access to government data and economic development.

Old Business

Hotspots update – Verizon as well as T-Mobile – at this point we have no additional information. One of the 7 hotspots has gone missing, and is not likely to come back. Looking at ways to encourage people to return them and return them on time. Eileen says it would be good to do an analysis of best coverage and best price.

New Business - None

Adjournment at 4:53pm

Approved at June 14, 2017 board meeting. Respectfully submitted by Lynda Aiman-Smith, Secretary