FRIENDS OF THE CASA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

March 10, 2025

Present: Barb Brown, Grace McMillin, Bonnie Warren, Sue Reeves (Zoom), Tina Packard, Mary Jane Cedar Face, Amber Kent (library), Lisa Morris-Wilkey, Bev Reidy, Michael Ouellette, Heather Ouellette (guest), and Daniel Gallegos

Absent: Sue Eberle, Jody Wendt, Richard Flechtner, Samantha Irey

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM

1. Introductions and Welcomes
2. Minutes of February 10, 2025 Meeting

Barb Brown moved that we approve minutes. Second by Bonnie Warren. Approved.

1. Treasurer’s Report (Bonnie Warren)
   1. Budget 2025

Bonnie passed around the February Treasurer’s Report. The Edward Jones accounts decreased by $1,584.48 since January. Book sale revenue totaled $316. Bonnie has an appointment to drop off taxes at BakerTilly. First Interstate has a fee for Zelle. Tina and Bonnie will try the app.

* 1. Book Sale Discussion

We need to wait until after Sue Eberle’s estate sale to set a book sale date.

Michael sold four books of which $35.40 is for the library.

1. Librarian’s Report (Amber Kent)

Living Library. The library is hosting a Living Library event, ‘Influential Women in History,’ on March 26 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Vista Grande. The Friends are invited to attend. Volunteers will bring history to life by portraying and speaking on behalf of past and present influential women. If this event is successful, the library will host another Living Library in November focused on the lives of veterans.

On the Paths of the Great Masters. Mesquite Elementary Art Exhibit Opening Ceremony, April 17 at 6 PM. Once again, the library will host Mesquite Elementary School's art exhibit, featuring student artwork inspired by the great masters. Mayor Lisa Fitzgibbons will be in attendance and present certificates of achievement. Friends Board members are invited to the opening exhibit with the students and their families. The exhibit will remain on display for public viewing through April 23.

Main Library Carpet Replacement. The library is planning to replace the carpet at the Main Library in May. This update will require the library to close for at least a few days. Exact dates to be announced.

Bookmobile. The bookmobile will be at two upcoming community events, the Southwest Taco Fest on March 29, 3:00-9:00 PM, and *Día de Los Niño’s* on April 26 from 11:00 AM-2:00 PM.

1. President’s Report (Tina Packard)
   1. March 26th Chamber Event

Tina has been in touch with Creative Cafe, Texas Roadhouse, and Outback. We will do an ice cream social again. Bonnie suggested getting bananas and strawberries for ice cream sundaes. Mel will make cookies. We will have sorbet this year as a dairy-free option. We will go with vanilla and Ghirardelli toppings. Ken from the Chamber did a walk through. We need an 8’ table for guests to sign in. Michael is making bookmarks for the Chamber event. He needs the original high-res version of our logo. We will need gift baskets for the raffle. Tina will bring two baskets. Barb will put a basket together. Heather will make a wine basket. We will use our banner. Julie will bring the bookmobile.

* 1. Project to archive past FOL records – Update

The group met and weeded a lot of past FOL records. Lisa took them for shredding. Tina has six boxes, twelve binders, USB drives, etc., that need scanning.

1. Staff and Volunteer Acknowledgments/Appreciation Follow Up
   1. Staff Appreciation

Amber collected staff gift card requests. Barb will shop for them. We will distribute gift cards on April 13 which is National Library Employee Week. Tina will make cards. We will sign the cards at our next meeting and Amber will distribute them.

* 1. Donor Appreciation Plaque

Tina has the plaque. We still need to research and confirm the names of past donors. Reviewing old minutes on our shared Google drive will be helpful. Michael and Heather will help engrave names. We may need to either buy an additional plaque or replace the one we have.

1. Casa Grande Main Street Membership Update (Mary Jane)

We paid $25 for the annual membership. The fee was increased to $50. Bonnie will write a check for the remaining $25, and Mary Jane will mail it.

1. New Business
2. Request to Consider Change of Day of Meetings (Mary Jane)

Mary Jane asked that we consider meeting on a different afternoon, or later time. Monday at 4 PM is the best time for most members and we will keep this time.

1. Spring Newsletter Article Ideas

The next newsletter will be out in early April. It was suggested we wait until after the Chamber event and include photos. We can cover the January book sale and promote the next book sale, if we have firm dates. Bonnie suggested a call for book donations, including what is not accepted.

1. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:38 PM

Next Meeting: April 14, 2025, at 4 PM.

Minutes submitted by Mary Jane Cedar Face, 3/16/2025, revised 4/10/25