

Friends of Casa Grande Public Library  
Board Meeting  
Vista Grande Public Library, 5 p.m.  
January 12, 2026

Present: Bonnie Warren, Barb Brown, Richard Flechtner, Heather Ouellet, Michael Ouellet, Amber Kent {Library}, Grace McMillin, Lisa Morris-Wilkey, Tina Packard, Sue Reeves (Zoom), Karalee Lee, Karen Perkinson, Mary Jane Cedar Face

Absent: Bev Reidy, Sue Eberle

1. Call to Order

The January general board meeting was called to order at 5:24 p.m.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – December 8, 2025

Sue Reeves moved to accept minutes. Seconded by Grace. Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report (Bonnie Warren)

a. Budget for 2026

Bonnie submitted a draft budget for 2026. She needs to confirm a few figures and will present it again at our next meeting.

b. Treasurer for 2026

Bonnie is resigning as treasurer to dedicate time to book sales. Grace is considering taking this on and will talk to Bonnie about what is involved.

4. Book Sale Update

a. January 17 & 18 book sale

Set up is Saturday at 8 a.m. Amber identified the best spot and has canopies. We will have four tables. The sale is scheduled for 9-3 on Saturday and 10-3 on Sunday.

b. Selling books through the Mesa friends' group.

Tina will be contacting Mesa Public Library about collaborating with them to sell our more valuable titles.

c. Spring book sale

Amber's husband offered to let us use The Studio of Dance space during spring break. Tina said Ethan can help haul books. If needed, Karalee has a pickup and Karen has an SUV that can be used.

## 5. Librarian's Report (Amber Kent)

### Holiday Events

The Main Library hosted a Holiday Storytime with approximately ninety attendees, featuring photos with Santa and holiday crafts. At Vista Grande Library, the Build-a-Snowman Makerspace and Noon Year's Eve events were well attended, drawing 90 and 85 participants, respectively. The library was an important part of the City's largest holiday celebration, the Electric Light Parade. Julie Andersen and Tina led the parade in the bookmobile, and Amber assisted with stage setup in front of City Hall. Next year, the library plans to close Vista early so Vista staff can help support activities in Peart Park.

### Facilities Update

While there is still no estimated timeline for the Main Library HVAC project, the library did submit capital project requests for next year, including new exterior paint, updated signage, and window treatments at the Main Library. The library is awaiting a confirmed timeline for the new furniture and circulation desk at the Main Library. These projects are moving forward, but are slowed by the required procurement processes, which take longer than anticipated. Amber does not anticipate closure before May. Summer programs at Main will need to be moved.

## 6. President's Report (Tina Packard)

### a. 2025 Annual Report

Tina hopes to have this completed soon.

## 7. Elections and board membership

### a. Resignations from board

Three board members are stepping down. These three members have served on the board for many years and made significant contributions. We thank them for their service.

- Richard Flechtner
- Sue Eberle
- Barb Brown.

### b. Members whose term concludes at the end of 2026 include:

- Heather Ouellet: 2025-2026
- Michael Ouellet: 2025-2026
- Bev Reidy, 2025-2026

### c. New two-year terms for current board members

At the 2024 Annual Meeting on January 4, 2024, a motion passed unanimously that continuing FOL board members begin new two-year terms starting January

2024 and running through December 2025. The following board members are willing to continue for another two-year term. New two-year appointments passed unanimously for:

- Grace McMillin: 2026-2027
- Mary Jane Cedar Face: 2026-2027
- Sue Reeves: 2026-2027
- Tina Packard: 2026-2027
- Bonnie Warren: 2026-2027
- Lisa Morris-Wilkey: 2026-2027

d. Nominations and elections for new board members

Karalee Lee and Karen Perkinson, who are Friends members, are interested in joining the board. Bonnie moved to nominate Karalee to join the board. Second by Grace. Approved, unanimous. Barb nominated Karen Perkinson. Second by Mary Jane. Approved, unanimous. We welcome new board members:

- Karalee Lee: 2026-2027
- Karen Perkinson: 2026-2027

7. Staff and volunteer acknowledgments

We try to acknowledge library staff and volunteers annually, if possible, during National Library Week, which is April 6-12 this year. We will continue discussion at our next meeting.

8. Bylaws

We still need a final vote on changes to the Friends bylaws. Postponed until next meeting.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

Notes submitted by Mary Jane Cedar Face, 2/7/26