

FRIENDS OF THE CASA GRANDE LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Vista Grande Library, September 8, 2025

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Meeting ID: 875 2128 1190, Passcode: 389149

Present: Grace McMillin, Bev Reidy, Tina Packard, Sue Reeves (Zoom), Amber Kent (library), Heather Ouellet, Mary Jane Cedar Face, Bonnie Warren, Michael Ouellet

Absent: Sue Eberle, Jody Wendt, Lisa Morris-Wilkey, Richard Flechtner, Barb Brown

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

2. Introductions and Welcome – any guests

3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – August 11, 2025

Mary Jane will fix the spelling of Noela. Grace moved to approve. Second by Bev. Approved.

4. Treasurer's Report (Bonnie Warren)

The treasurer's report was submitted for the record.

5. Book Sale Discussion

a. September pop-up book sale

Everyone agreed the book sale was a success and fun. It was convenient having it at the library and we were able to connect with the community. The 400 flyers disappeared. Bev took a photo of a woman with children looking at books and will send it to Tina and Mary Jane for the website and newsletter. Total earnings came to around \$1,363.49 and expenses around \$98 for Ethan and donuts. Kudos to Bonnie for a great event and much appreciation for her hard work.

Total Earnings - \$1,363.49 (the final numbers may be slightly different)

- \$1075.10 cash
- \$64.80 donations
- \$55 in the donation box today.
- 168.50 credit card

b. Future book sales

The plan is to hold a few in-library book sales every year instead of using the hangar. Smaller sales are more manageable, and books stay cleaner. If we have enough books, we will do book bundle sales in December and February at both libraries and a big sale at Main in spring before the winter visitors leave. Spring break is March 9-20. If we set up on Wednesday evening, March 18, Amber's youth group can help us set up. The sale would run Thursday through Saturday.

c. Michael online book sales

Last month, one book sold, a Nancy Drew. Selling books online is a great deal of work with diminishing returns. UPS is raising rates for Christmas. Pirate Ship is used for shipping. Michael and Heather are investigating WhatNot, a live auction. Sellers need to build up inventory and reputation, spend hours watching auctions, and ship sold items the next day. Books need to sell for \$30+ to be worthwhile. Michael will keep us updated.

6. Librarian's Report (Amber Kent)

Main Library HVAC Project. There is not much news to report on the HVAC replacement project. The library was told the full project will take approximately four months, although the library will not be closed the entire time. Amber's best estimate is closer to three months. Many programs will move to the Vista branch, but some spring programs may be postponed or canceled.

Main Library Projects. This year, the Main Library was awarded funding for new furniture and a redesigned circulation desk. Design proposals from three firms are being reviewed; staff are providing feedback. Installation will be coordinated with the contractor replacing the HVAC system, allowing both projects to be completed while the library is closed in March.

Arizona Library Association Conference. Tina and Terry will be presenting at the Arizona Library Association Conference in October.

New Events Calendar and Room Booking Software. The Pinal County Library District launched an updated mobile app, along with a new events calendar and room booking system. Staff are still getting used to the new system and working out the bugs. The hope is these tools will make it easier for patrons to explore programs and reserve spaces.

7. President's Report (Tina Packard)

a. Membership fees

Previously we voted to raise the individual fee from \$15 to \$20 and the family fee from \$30 to \$35, and to remove the vendor fee which is no longer needed. The new fees will begin on January 1 to coincide with membership renewals. In the past we discussed special membership levels for large donations, both individual and corporate. We will look at this in the future.

b. Membership Form revamp

We will revise the membership form with new fees and have it printed before the 2026 membership renewal.

8. By-laws review

The Bylaws are available on the Friends shared Google Drive. Tina has been working to make them editable by everyone. Bonnie gave Tina her edits in print. One change is adding wording that online meetings are held if necessary. Tina will project the final version for our review and vote at the next meeting.

9. Plaque for donors

We will wait until the renovation of the Main Library is completed before deciding how we want to install the donor recognition signage.

10. New Business

a. Newsletter suggestions

Mary Jane plans to get the newsletter out around the first of October. In addition to the book sale, we might have an article about the upcoming Halloween Storywalk and the Painting in the Park event for adults.

b. Board member email addresses

We need to add these email addresses to any FOL email contact lists:

- Heather@somewhatrare.com
- Barbbrowncgaz@gmail.com

c. Sympathy card for former president, Lana Fiems

Sue Reeves sent a sympathy card, on behalf of the Friends, to Lana Fiems, a former FOL president, who lost her husband.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Next meeting: October 13, 2025, at 5 p.m. at Vista Grande (the library will be open)

Notes submitted by Mary Jane Cedar Face, 9/15/2025