

Friends of the Casa Grande Public Library
Board of Directors Meeting
December 5, 2024

Present: Bonnie Warren, Richard Flechtner, Tina Packard, Grace McMillin, Sue Eberle, Mary Jane Cedar Face, Amber Kent (library), Lisa Morris-Wilkey

Absent: Barb Brown, Sue Reeves, Jody Wendt

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. Minutes of meeting of November 7, 2024

Move to approve by Lisa Morris-Wilkey. Second by Bonnie Warren. Approved.

3. Old Business

a. ThriftBooks

Bonnie, Mary Jane, Richard, and Lisa met to discuss ThriftBooks and an alternative vendor, Operation Book Support. ThriftBooks' January 2025 contract changes make it not worthwhile to continue with them. The other option, Operation Book Support, also has questionable value for the time invested. For now, we will move ahead with our local book sale and reconsider other options for selling used books later.

4. Treasurer's Report (Bonnie Warren)

Bonnie presented the November 2024 budget report and a draft budget for 2025. She will provide a final 2025 budget at the January meeting that will reflect final December revenue and expenditures. Bonnie suggested we recognize library staff and volunteers with appreciation gifts or an event. This will be discussed at our January 2025 meeting.

5. Librarian's Report (Amber Kent)

The library is busy with the IMLS-funded community assessment and holiday season programming. The bookmobile has been decorated with lights and will be the Grande Marshall, leading the way at the City's Parade of Lights this coming weekend on December 7. Julie will be driving.

6. President's Report (Tina Packard)

a. Discuss future planning – book sales, and more

Tina urged everyone to think about new ways for the FOL to raise funds. Book sales are not a sustainable solution as revenue from used book sales is decreasing, while both finding a space and labor (hauling books) are challenging.

7. Newsletter Update (Mary Jane Cedar Face)

We hope to get out the next newsletter around January 1 and can promote the January book sale. Send any photos or ideas for articles to Mary Jane.

8. New Business

a. Terms of Office

There are no board member or officer terms expiring at this time. All terms expire at the end of 2025. Tina stated there are two board positions we are trying to fill. Tina will contact Samantha Irey to ask if she wants to rejoin the board.

b. Annual Report

Tina will prepare a succinct annual report covering Friends of the Casa Grande Public Library 2024 membership statistics, expenditures, and significant activities for our Annual Meeting on Monday, January 13, 2025, which is followed by our regular meeting.

c. Book Bundle Sale

The book bundle sale will begin on Tuesday, December 10 at Main and Vista Grande Libraries. After this board meeting, we will stay and make book bundles for Main. Lisa brought ribbon. Mary Jane and Grace have been making book bundles at Vista Grande. Grace, Bonnie, and Mary Jane will meet on Monday, December 9 at 1 p.m. to finish Vista Grande book bundles and price them. Bonnie will meet Amber at 8 a.m. on Tuesday December 10 to set up the sale at the Main library. Mary Jane will send the book bundle flyer with the blue background to all FOL members.

d. January Book Sale

We will hold a big book sale at Sue Eberle's hangar at the Casa Grande airport. We need tables for the sale. Amber has ten tables. We will need more. We will invite Itty Bitty Bottle Babies to showcase during the sale. Bonnie thinks the Walmart bags are in the basement. Visitors to the sale will come in and out using the big door that rolls up. Lisa Morris-Wilkey moved we purchase an advertisement in *The Dispatch*. Second by Bonnie Warren.

Approved. Book sale dates:

- Jan 20th – Jan 23rd - SETUP for SALE
- Jan 23rd - 3:00 - 6:00 PM Friends and educators open session
- Jan 24th - 26th - ACTUAL SALE DATES (SUNDAY is bag day)

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

10. Next Meeting

Monday, January 13, 2025, at 4:00 PM

2025 Annual Meeting followed by the regular January 2025 board meeting.

11. Book Bundles

Board members remained and made book bundles for the sale.

Notes submitted by Mary Jane Cedar Face, 12/11/24

Agenda Items postponed from previous meetings:

1. Discussion of minutes and agendas and following [Arizona's Open Meeting Law](#)
"It is the public policy of this state that meetings of public bodies be conducted openly, and that notices and agendas be provided for such meetings which contain such information as is reasonably necessary to inform the public of the matters to be discussed or decided. Accordingly, Arizona's Open Meeting Law must be construed in favor of open and public meetings."
2. Approval of notes summarizing Summer 2024 email decisions/discussions
3. January book sale
4. Vote on \$12,500 funding request for 2025 (OverDrive Advantage and librarian projects)
5. Staff and volunteer acknowledgements/appreciation