

FRIENDS OF THE CASA GRANDE LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
March 7, 2024 @ 8:30 AM

Present: Mary Jane Cedar Face, Richard Flechtner, Grace McMillin, Tina Packard, Sue Reeves (Zoom), Bonnie Warren, Julie Andersen (Library)

Absent: Barb Brown, Sue Eberle, Lisa Morris-Wilkey, Michael Ouellet, Jody Wendt

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:31 a.m.

2. Recent Resignation

Tina shared that Samantha is resigning due to other responsibilities. Move to accept resignation by Grace McMillin and seconded by Bonnie Warren. Resignation accepted.

3. Minutes of Previous Monthly Meeting on February 1, 2024

Move to approve minutes by Richard Flechtner with a second by Sue Reeves. Minutes accepted.

4. Old Business

a. Donation Plaques

Discussion postponed.

5. Treasurer's Report (Bonnie Warren)

Bonnie distributed the budget report. She also reported that the FOL earned around \$2K in the Guided Solutions Edward Jones fund. Other income was from memberships and donations at book sales. We will be transferring funds from GiveButter from the book sale soon. Bonnie has an appointment to meet with the accountant to handle taxes. We didn't make money so she anticipates it will be easy.

6. Librarian's Report (from Amber Kent's emailed report)

Spring Break Cover-to-Cover Reading Program

The library is partnering again with In-N-Out for our Spring Break reading program. For every five books read or for every 300 minutes, kids can earn a Cover-to-Cover Achievement Award valid for a free hamburger or cheeseburger. Participating children may earn up to three award gift cards during the program, while supplies last. This is our second time with this program, and it was very popular with families last year.

Easter events

The library has several Easter events. Lori and the Teen Activities Board are planning a Spring Party and Egg Hunt for teens at the Vista Grande Library on Friday, March 8th. Julie switched out the Story Walk to an Easter scavenger hunt with prizes for kids who complete the worksheet. On March 26th, Julie will host the library's annual Easter Storytime and Egg Hunt in Peart Park.

Library Projects

Amber is submitting an LSTA grant for a community assessment. There will be opportunities for Friends to be involved in gathering feedback from the community if any of you are interested when the time comes. Prescott Valley Public Library has agreed to help us with training and throughout the process. We're replacing a few of the windows in the Activity Room at the Main Library with awning windows to allow for better air circulation. That project should be finished later in March.

7. President's Report (Tina Packard)

- a. Changes to bank/investment account signers - 1st interstate & Edward Jones
Officers are still working to get bank and investment account signatures updated. Tina will try to drop forms off at the school where Lisa works to get her signature.
- b. Any photos from the book sale for the website?
Tina received some photos from board members and will put them on the website. Mary Jane sent a photo of a child and Mary Dondanville holding a kitten. The mother gave her verbal consent for the FOL to use the photo. In the future, we either need to bring along release forms and/or have a sign that announces that photographs may be taken and used for FOL promotional purposes.

8. Newsletter – Spring issue to go out in early April.

Some of the ideas for upcoming issues of *BookMarks*, the FOL newsletter follow. With limited space, we will prioritize timely announcements. There are no AZ Humanities speakers in the upcoming months. Julie will send Mary Jane some graphics about the bookmobile and summer reading program.

- Booksale update. We agreed that the total received for the book sale was \$3,900.25, including anticipated GiveButter revenue.
- Laundromat book project with photos.
- Literati and Lunch Bunch book groups.
- Gearing up for summer programs.
- Donations accepted announcement.
- Bookmobile update.
- Heads-up to members that the library may reach out to them for feedback for a possible LSTA grant for community assessment.
- Highlight on children's books (Lisa).

10. New Business

- a. Book Donations – Both libraries will accept donations. Sue Eberle volunteered her hangar for storage. There are concerns about access to the space. Bonnie wondered if we could presort books into boxes labeled by genre. Bonnie picked up five milk crates of books from the storage facility in AZ City. Of those, two are suitable for book sales, some for ThriftBooks, and the rest were tossed. Sue Reeves asked if she could get a copy of the donation letter. They are available at both libraries.
- b. Chamber of Commerce
In the past, we tried to be active in the Chamber in various ways. There is a business outlook luncheon on March 29. Grace said she may be interested in attending, as she and Barb Brown attended in the past. She will check with Barb. Tina will forward the email to Barb and Grace.
- c. Arizona Corporation Commission
The annual report to the Arizona Corporation Commission is due this spring. In the past, while an officer, Grace did this and paid the \$10 fee, for which she was reimbursed. We also need to update our board membership when there are changes (no fee).

9. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:13 a.m.

10. Next Meeting: April 4, 2024 @ 8:30 am