

FRIENDS OF THE CASA GRANDE LIBRARY  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING  
April 4, 2024 @ 8:30 AM

Present: Jullie Andersen, Barb Brown, Mary Jane Cedar Face, Sue Eberle, Richard Flechtner, Grace McMillin, Lisa Morris-Wilkey, Sue Reeves (Zoom), Bonnie Warren

Absent: Michael Ouellet, Tina Packard, Jody Wendt

1. Call to Order by Lisa Morris-Wilkey  
The meeting was called to order at 8:33 a.m.
2. Minutes of Previous Monthly Meeting – Mar 7, 2024  
Motion to approve by Sue Eberle. Second by Grace McMillin. Approved.
3. Old Business
  - a. Donation Plaques  
This is still in progress. Amber is locating the existing plaques. More to come.
4. Treasurer's Report (Bonnie Warren)  
The March budget update includes GiveButter revenue from downtown book sale. The total March income was \$1319.90. We received our first check from ThriftBooks for \$57.93. ThriftBooks revenue will increase as inventory increases. ThriftBooks accepted about half of the books we sent. We absorb some of the shipping costs.  
  
Julie will be looking into revenue from the vending machine at Vista. At one time, Friends received a portion of the vending machine revenue.
5. Librarian's Report (Amber Kent/Julie Andersen)  
The library has several ongoing projects:
  - The LSTA grant application for a community assessment was submitted in March. The goal of the assessment is to determine ways the library can improve services. FOL Board members may be asked to help, possibly accompanying library staff to meet with community members.
  - The windows in the Activity Room are scheduled for replacement, beginning April 1. Capital R Construction is sending back the windows and getting others that are safer.
  - The bookmobile continues to visit schools and community gathering places. At the end of May, the library will gather data, evaluate the schedule, and explore opportunities to improve bookmobile outreach. The library considers these few months as a trial. Julie said there is a need to train more drivers. It's important to have two people on the bus. FOL board members are invited to participate; Bonnie and Grace have done this.
  - CAC is currently recruiting for an instructor to teach GED classes at the Vista Grande Library. Once they have someone hired, the class will be advertised. If unable to start the class by May 1, the class will begin in July.

- Artwork Donation

A community member is donating some of his photographs for display at the Main Library. They are landscape and wildlife photos taken around Arizona, including the Desert Botanical Garden. Sarah Sisco suggested we use the photos to bring more color to our Culture Pass wall. Once the artwork is ready, the library will see if the newspaper can publish an article highlighting the donation and the Culture Passes, which are very popular.

6. President's Report (Tina Packard)

- a. Changes to bank/investment account signers - 1<sup>st</sup> interstate & Edward Jones  
This has been taken care of. Thank you to Bonnie for getting forms to Lisa for her signature when she was unable to drive.

7. New Business

- a. Newsletter

Mary Jane said the original idea of the newsletter was to have issues in Fall, Winter, and Spring. She asked if we wanted a summer issue. Grace felt this was important if there was information to share. If there is enough news, Mary Jane will do a summer issue. The graphics Julie shared for the Spring issue were helpful and she will do this again. Mary Jane will meet with Julie to learn ways to better send the newsletter, so it is easier to read whether on a phone or desktop.

It was suggested that we always have a brief newsletter item on each agenda.

- b. Chamber of Commerce

Grace asked is whoever is monitoring the FOL email account might forward announcements from the Chamber, particularly about upcoming events, to all board members. Barb mentioned that it was very helpful when she and Grace attended Chamber functions. They learned a lot and were able to share about the FOL. Bonnie will talk to Tina about one of them forwarding emails about Chamber events to all board members. She will also get the FOL email account password to Lisa.

Last summer we hosted a 'Before Hours' event for the Chamber. While we don't want to host another early morning event, we may consider hosting an 'After Hours' event next year. Barb mentioned that slots for hosting go quickly. We will put this on the agenda for our May meeting.

- c. Children's books in laundromats

Mary Jane took books to the laundromats this week. She took photos of the existing signs, which are old and worn. She hopes that we can make new signs and make the areas look nicer. It would be great to have a little chair or stool for children to sit on. A small children's rug was suggested. One laundromat uses an old crate to hold books which could be replaced with a large, attractive basket. If we are going to add a rug or stool, we need to run this by the laundromat management.

Lisa, who does all collection development for the CG school libraries, will give Mary Jane new children's books for the laundromats. In addition to ordering children's books from First Book Marketplace, she receives free new books from them, which cannot be resold but would be great for the laundromats.

- d. Lisa's banned books advocacy  
Lisa, a school librarian in the CGSD, was invited again to travel to Chicago for American Library Association banned books training. She has been asked to help share this training in Western states. Kudos to Lisa!
8. Adjournment  
The meeting adjourned at 9:01 a.m.
9. Next Meeting: Thursday, May 2, 2024 @ 8:30 am

Suggested agenda item for next meeting:

- Hosting a Chamber of Commerce "After Hours" event in 2025
- Brief newsletter discussion

DRAFT notes submitted by Mary Jane Cedar Face, May 4, 2024