

FRIENDS OF THE CASA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
June 6, 2024

Present: Barb Brown (Zoom), Daniel Gallegos, Lisa Morris-Wilkey, Bonnie Warren, Sue Reeves (Zoom), Tina Packard (Zoom), Mary Jane Cedar Face, and Amber Kent

Absent: Sue Eberle, Richard Fletchtnr, Grace McMillin, Michael Ouellette, Jody Wendt

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:45 a.m.

2. Minutes of June 4, 2024 Meeting

Mary Jane forgot to send the last version of the minutes. The only change was to Item 7, Newsletter Update, to include an article about Libby, Hoopla, and cloudLibrary in a future newsletter. Sue Reeves moved that we approve minutes with this change. Second by Bonnie Warren. Approved.

3. Old Business

a. Donation Plaques

Amber found the plaques in the Friend's storage cabinet. We need to look at it to see what additions are needed. We want to add acknowledgements for bookmobile wrap donors, the tree donor, Claire Davis, and donors who gave >\$500. We may need a second plaque, depending on space. Amber will bring the plaque to September meeting. We hope to have a vote in October.

4. Treasurer's Report (Bonnie Warren)

Edward Jones came due last Friday. Bonnie approved renewal for one year at the 5.4% rate. Over the past year, the account generated \$7,051.13.

5. Librarian's Report (Amber Kent)

Library Projects

We are still waiting for the new windows for the Activity Room at the Main Library. The public restrooms will become more accessible with the installation of automatic door hardware next week. The City has allocated funds to completely renovate the roof and HVAC system at the Main Library in the upcoming fiscal year. Facilities is currently evaluating the project to ensure the allocated funds are sufficient.

Summer Reading

The Summer Reading program officially began on Monday morning with a pool party at Palm Island, attended by approximately 120 people. Both libraries have been actively signing up families and distributing prize coupons throughout the week.

GED Classes

CAC has hired an instructor for the GED classes, which will begin at the Vista Grande Library in August. We ordered new computers for both libraries and are waiting for installation by the IT department, hopefully in time for the new class.

Malcolm Mitchell

Cox Charities, which generously donated \$25,000 for the new computers, has requested that we host Malcolm Mitchell, Super Bowl Champion, at the Vista Grande Library. After a brief library tour, Mitchell will speak to families about literacy and meet with local leaders to discuss digital equity on July 9th at 10:00 a.m.

6. President's Report (Tina Packard)

a. Summer meeting times

A reminder we will not meet in July or August. The next meeting is September 5.

b. 2025 Business After Hours

We are scheduled to host the Chamber of Commerce After Hours on March 26, 2025, at 4:30 pm. Tina suggests something more elaborate, possibly with catering. Tina is happy to help organize this. One idea is to use the entire library building in some way, such as 'Dessert in the stacks.' Amber said a challenge will be that the library is open to the public at this time but is open to ideas.

Barb attended a local SYN Card Club event recently. SYN stands for the card game, 'Screw Your Neighbor.' This may also be an effective way to promote FOL and get new memberships. The events are advertised on Meetup and are a lot of fun. (<https://www.meetup.com/syn-card-club-casagrande/>) For the \$29 fee, attendees can have a few minutes to promote their organization. Everyone felt this would be a good way to promote FOL. Barb will do this.

7. Newsletter Update (Mary Jane Cedar Face)

Mary Jane is hoping to get the summer issue out around July 1. Tina will send a FOL president update. Mary Jane will send Tina a reminder. We will wait on announcing the LSTA grant and bookmobile news until fall. Ideas for articles, as space permits, include:

- Summer library programs.
- Laundromat libraries with photos.

- Literati and Lunch Bunch book groups.
- Donations accepted announcement.
- Libby, Hoopla, cloudLibrary, etc.
- FOL president's corner.
- Upcoming AZ Humanities programs.

8. New Business

a. LSTA Community Assessment grant

The LSTA grant was awarded. Prescott Valley will come later to train staff on conducting the assessment.

b. Recyclops and book recycling (Bonnie Warren)

Bonnie has been taking unneeded books to Tina's for her to recycle using her Recyclops subscription. This includes countless boxes of books that would not sell in book sales or at ThriftBooks. Tina pays \$29/month for her Recyclops subscription. Bonnie suggested we reimburse Tina in some way. Mary Jane moved that we reimburse Tina \$90, which equals about 50% of Tina's costs for six months. We will reevaluate after six months. Second by Sue Reeves. Motion approved.

Bonnie reported that she has gotten tons of boxes and crates of book donations, including sixty-nine boxes of mostly romance books. We also had a large science fiction donation. Bonnie suggested we consider a sale of science fiction and romance books in the fall when snowbirds are back in town. Most books have been taken to Sue Eberle's hangar at the airport. Mary Dondanville has been great at opening the hangar and helping sort books.

c. Arizona Humanities lecture on June 4.

Mary Jane attended the Tuesday lecture, sponsored by Arizona Humanities and FOL, about the Arizona National Scenic Trail which stretches from the Mexico border to Utah. Kevin Fahey, Adult Services Librarian, acknowledged FOL co-sponsorship of the lecture. There was only one other attendee. It would be great to see FOL members at events we sponsor. (This informational item was shared before the meeting, while awaiting quorum.)

9. Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 9:13 by Sue Reeves. Seconded by Lisa. Meeting adjourned.

10. Next Meeting: September 5, 2024 @ 8:30 am

Minutes submitted with corrections by Mary Jane Cedar Face, 6/18/2024.