FRIENDS OF THE CASA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES

May 14, 2025

Present: Sue Eberle, Grace McMillin, Bonnie Warren, Sue Reeves (Zoom), Mary Jane Cedar Face, Lisa Morris-Wilkey, Bev Reidy, Michael Ouellette, Kevin Fahey (Library), Heather Ouellette (guest), Mary Dittloff (guest)

Absent: Barb Brown, Tina Packard, Jody Wendt, Samantha Irey

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:00 PM by Lisa Morris-Wilkey

1. Introductions and Welcomes

We introduced ourselves and welcomed our guest, Mary Dittloff, who worked previously in the library.

1. Minutes of April 14, 2025, Meeting

Sue Eberle moved that we approve minutes. Second by Bev Reidy. Approved.

1. Edward Jones Annual Review – Fred Tucker

Fred Tucker, from Edward Jones, stopped by for an annual update. As of May 12, 2025, the balance in our Edward Jones Guided Solutions Fund is $128,387. 10. We have a good balance of conservative and growth funds. We saw about a 35% increase since our initial investment in September 2022. Since January 1 of this year, we lost some funds but regained them in recent weeks.

* 1. Edward Jones CD

We have an Edward Jones CD with a value of $53,082.73 as of April 30. Bonnie asked if we want to consider moving the CD to an Edward Jones Money Market Fund for easier access and a slightly higher interest rate. Sue Eberle made a motion that we move the CD into an Edward Jones Money Market account. Second by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_. All in favor.

1. Treasurer’s Report (Bonnie Warren)

Bonnie submitted the Apil 30 budget statement. Our income was $800.82. Our expenditures came to $13,229.07, which includes $12,500 for the library’s Overdrive Advantage and for librarian projects. The book sales at Vista and Main are doing well. First Interstate Bank is being sold. Folks felt we should keep our account there for now and see how things go after the sale. There was a $50 anonymous donation at Main. We are $76 overspent on staff appreciation expenses. We received $250 from the Rotary for the book bag project.

1. Book Sale Discussion

Sue Eberle hopes to have her estate sale at the airport hangar in the fall. After this the Friends can have our next big book sale. Bonnie suggests using book sale funds to reimburse Ethan for casual labor at $20/hour. Bonnie will keep track of his hours and payments. Bonnie moved that we donate $20/hour to cover Ethan’s gas and mileage. Second by Sue Eberle. Moved. She has already paid Ethan $80 and will get reimbursement.

* 1. Michael - Online Book Sales

Michael reported the online book sales are going slowly. In the last month, he sold one $50 book and a few others. His goal is to build up inventory. Bonnie is gathering a pile of books for Michael to review.

1. Librarian’s Report (Kevin Fahey for Amber Reed)

Main Library Carpet Replacement. The Main Library will be closed from May 17 to May 24 for carpet replacement. Staff will begin boxing the downstairs collections at 1:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 15, with carpet installation scheduled for Friday, May 16. On Saturday, May 17, volunteers will assist with boxing and relocating the main floor collections, beginning at 8:00 a.m. Our goal is to move materials efficiently while keeping everything organized. Volunteers are welcome Thursday afternoon or Saturday morning. We can drop in later in the week to check on the progress. Amber recruited people.

Rotary Club Donation for Reading Pillows. The Rotary Club donated $250 for supplies to make pillow/book bags. They were distributed to children.

Summer Reading Kickoff. The summer reading kickoff at Palm Island Family Aquatics Center will be on June 2 from 11am-1pm. Library staff will be signing up kids, giving out bookbags, and giving away tickets for shaved ice. The library’s summer calendar is packed with activities.

1. President’s Report (Tina Packard)
	1. Advocacy letter/other advocacy options for library supporters

Lisa will reach out to Tina about what we are doing. Kevin mentioned that cuts to NEH impact Arizona Humanities and the five lectures we have sponsored every year. To continue lectures, the Friends may need to contribute more.

1. By-laws Review

Bonnie has bylaws changes that she will get to Tina. Mary Jane put a draft mission statement in a comment on the Google doc. We will review the document, with all changes, at the June meeting.

1. Staff and volunteer acknowledgments/appreciation follow-up

Gifts were distributed and appreciated by staff. Tina has the donor appreciation plaque. Sue Reeves asked where we were with the plaque. Some significant donors include Claire Davis, the tree planting donor, and bookmobile wrap donors.

1. New Business
	1. Summer Meetings

We will decide at our June meeting if we will meet in July and August.

1. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 4:48 p.m.

 Next Meeting: June 9, 2025, at 4 PM.

 Minutes submitted by Mary Jane Cedar Face, May 18, 2025