

Friends of the Casa Grande Public Library  
Board of Directors Meeting  
Annual Meeting  
January 13, 2025

Present: Bonnie Warren, Richard Flechtner, Lisa Morris-Wilkey, Mary Jane Cedar Face (Zoom), Grace McMillin, Tina Packard, Sue Reeves (Zoom), Michael Ouellette, Amber Kent (Library), Beverly Reidy (guest), Barb Brown, Dawnel Connelly (guest), Jody Wendt, Sue Eberle, Kevin Fahey (Library), Michelle Mata (Library) (Library)

Absent:

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:54 p.m.

2. Minutes of Previous Meeting – January 4, 2024

Motion to approve minutes by Sue Eberle. Second by Richard Flechtner. Approved.

3. Treasurer's Report (Bonnie Warren)

We are down \$.79 from last year. Chamber dues were paid twice, in January and December. Book sales at Main from February through December totaled \$3,206.68. Book sale revenue at Vista was \$1,079.12. Book bundles at Vista came to over \$200. We will stick with the budget presented at the last meeting. If we are short, we can use Edward Jones funds. Our Edward Jones earnings last year came to \$15,088.

4. Community Conversation (Kevin Fahey and Michelle Mata)

Library staff, Kevin and Michelle, reached out to FOL board members as part of a larger outreach initiative the library has conducted over the past month with local agencies. They are asking what more can the library do for the Friends and the Casa Grande community? They have made around twenty visits already and will see more groups. A summary of today's questions and responses follows:

- How many of you have a library card? Everyone present (12).
- What do you see families or community members struggling with in our community? Board members mentioned public transportation, things for families to do, educational deficits, the prohibitive cost of housing, the need for financial literacy, food insecurity, and that many community members are not aware of what resources are available.
- Do you attend library programs? Almost all FOL board members get to programs.
- How can the library partner with you? How can we better promote the FOL? The FOL board would like the city to keep the Friends in mind if there are any expansion plans. Amber has been great in partnering with the FOL.
- How do you prefer to hear about library events, new programming, etc.? How do you prefer to hear about new things? Some members said they learn when going to the library. The weekly blasts are helpful because they contain the calendar for the month and flyers.

5. President's Report (Tina Packard)

a) 2024 Annual Report

Tina prepared a 2024 FOL Annual Report which can be viewed on the FOL website. Tina shared the annual report quickly in today's general meeting.

6. Elections (Tina Packard)

Tina Packard, President, submitted the following nominations for new board terms beginning January 2025. We voted on these nominations in the general meeting today.

a) Beverly Reidy is new to Casa Grande, a member of *Literati* and nominated by Bonnie Warren.

b) Samantha Irey is a former board member returning to the board and nominated by Tina Packard.

7. Board Members for 2024:

At the 2024 Annual Meeting on January 4, 2024, a motion passed unanimously that continuing FOL board members begin new two-year terms starting January 2024 and running through December 2025. We would like to elect two additional board members.

- Barb Brown: 2024-2025
- Grace McMillin: 2024-2025
- Jody Wendt: 2024-2025
- Sue Eberle: 2024-2025
- Mary Jane Cedar Face 2024-2025
- Richard Flechtner: 2024-2025
- Michael Ouellet: 2024-2025
- Sue Reeves: 2024-2025
- Tina Packard: 2024-2025
- Bonnie Warren 2024-2025
- Lisa Morris-Wilkey-2024-2025
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8. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:03 p.m. (Many items were covered during the general meeting today.)