

FRIENDS OF THE CASA GRANDE LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
Vista Grande Library, July 14, 2025

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Meeting ID: 875 2128 1190, Passcode: 389149

Present: Grace McMillin, Michael Ouellet, Tina Packard, Sue Reeves (Zoom), Richard Flechtner, Amber Kent (Library), Heather Ouellet (guest), Mary Jane Cedar Face, Bonnie Warren

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

1. Call to Order
2. Introductions and Welcome – any guests
3. Minutes of Previous Meeting – June 9, 2025
Richard moved to approve. Second by Bonnie. Approved.
4. Treasurer's Report (Bonnie Warren)
The treasurer's report for June 2025 was submitted. Expenditures came to \$295.04. Revenue totaled \$217.50. Bonnie will be out of town for the next two weeks. She will do the last FOL bank deposit before she leaves.

- a. Scholastic payment - funds transfer
In July, we will pay for the Scholastic Book Fair giveaway of 423 free books. This comes to \$5,332.74 so far and the final bill will be slightly higher. Amber will get the final amount of the Scholastic bill to Bonnie who will write the check. Bonnie will transfer funds from our Edward Jones Money Market account to cover this.

5. Book Sale

- a. Storage
We are unable to move more books into the FOL area in the hangar. We can get to some boxes, but not all. Bonnie reached out to Lisa, who is in Flagstaff, about storing books at her husband's grain warehouse.
- b. Mini sale
Bonnie proposed having a mini-book sale at Main using books that we can get to at the hangar and from the libraries. Amber is okay with this. We will set up on Labor Day, September 1, while the library is closed. It will run through Saturday, September 6. We will do more planning at our August board meeting.
- c. Michael online book sales
From January-June, 14 books sold, with \$175.52 for FOL. A book about brewing beer sold for the most money.

6. Librarian's Report (Amber Kent)

Summer Reading 2025. This year was the first time the library used Beanstack, an online reading tracker. Overall, feedback has been positive, though a few participants expressed a preference for traditional paper reading logs. 1,052 readers have registered, and 423 free books have been distributed so far, totaling \$5,332.74 in book giveaways. Participation in summer programs has been strong with children, teens, and adults engaging with the library throughout the summer.

Main Library HVAC Project. The Main Library is scheduled to receive a much-needed HVAC upgrade beginning in January. This major project will require the building to close for at least two months. We are still waiting for a finalized construction timeline, but once we have it, we will begin making detailed plans to continue library services as smoothly as possible through Vista Grande Library and the bookmobile.

Staff Update. The library welcomed Tina Packard, the new School/Young Adult Librarian, who began at Vista Grande on July 1. Tina is hard at work preparing for the upcoming school year. First-year students will arrive on campus later this week, with the rest of the student body returning on Monday. We look forward to seeing her energy and ideas take shape in the coming months.

7. President's Report (Tina Packard)

No news to report.

8. By-laws Review

All edits and comments have been incorporated. We will vote at the August meeting. Tina will resend the link to the Google document.

9. Donor Plaque

Sue Reeves is willing to look at older minutes for references to major donations and donor information. Amber will send the names of donors for the bookmobile wrap to Tina. The solar bench has stopped working. Parts are missing. We may not bother with fixing the Wi-Fi as it is difficult to maintain in this weather. Amber and board members will consider options for donor acknowledgement signage that can be easily updated as major donations are received.

10. New Business

a. Board seats available.

Bonnie will contact Mary Dittloff who has expressed interest. Grace nominated Heather Ouellet to join the board. Seconded by a few people. Unanimous approval!

b. Membership forms

Bonnie reported that we need to print more membership forms. We will wait until we review the membership levels and fees. In the past we had corporate sponsorship. We will consider doing this again. We will discuss donor levels, membership fees, and corporate sponsors.

c. New meeting time

The Vista Grande library meeting room is unavailable at 4 p.m. We will shift our meeting time to 5 p.m. at Vista Grande beginning in August.

11. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 4:47 p.m.

Next meeting: **August 11 @ 5 p.m. at Vista Grande Library**

Notes submitted by Mary Jane Cedar Face, July 20, 2025