

FRIENDS OF THE CASA GRANDE PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
October 2, 2024

Present: Barb Brown, Richard Fletchtnr, Grace McMillin, Bonnie Warren (Zoom), Sue Reeves (Zoom), Tina Packard (Zoom), Mary Jane Cedar Face, Amber Kent (Library), Lisa Morris-Wilkey (Zoom)

Absent: Sue Eberle, Michael Ouellette, Jody Wendt

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 8:34 a.m.

2. Minutes of September 5, 2024, Meeting

Richard Fletchtnr moved to approve the minutes. Second by Grace McMillin. Approved.

3. Old Business

a. Plans for Charlie Cart?

Tina took photos to exhibit at the Chamber Business Showcase. The first library program with the Charlie Cart is this weekend.

4. Treasurer's Report (Bonnie Warren)

September income was \$528.63, and expenses were \$15,043.16, leaving \$12,799.97 in the business checking account. A GiveButter \$10 membership still needs to be added. Bonnie said we need to raise funds. Tina hopes the Chamber event will help us find a space for the book sale. Grace asked if having the book sale in the Main library was still a possibility and Amber said that would work. We may set up on MLK Day when the library is closed with sales throughout the week. The treasurer's report was accepted.

1. Librarian's Report (Amber Kent)

The library is celebrating Hispanic Heritage Month in partnership with the Arts and Culture Commission. One of the highlights is the focus on the book *Pepe and the Parade*, purchased by FOL. The library also collaborated with the community to create an art exhibit where children and families decorated small wooden houses, forming a multicultural village. This exhibit will be installed at both library branches.

The Fall Reading Program is underway. To boost participation, bookmarks were distributed at every elementary school. Children can earn beads for bracelets or necklaces as they reach their reading goals. The library is hosting a Halloween Scavenger Hunt at both locations on Tuesday, September 29. The Halloween Storywalk will take place on Tuesday, October 29th, in Peart Park. We invite the Friends of the Library to join us. Several local agencies will be distributing treats and information at various stations around the park.

The Vista Branch will be closed for maintenance on Saturday, October 12th, while the High School District performs HVAC work. Additionally, the library workroom floor will be resurfaced the following week due to settling, which has caused uneven surfaces and poses a safety risk. While this will temporarily displace our staff, the improvements are necessary and appreciated.

The library was selected for support from the State Library to implement Beanstack for one year. Beanstack is a digital app that tracks reading and literacy activities. The library will begin onboarding this month and test it with a small group of readers this winter. If successful, it will be used for the Spring Reading Challenge and the Summer Reading Program next year.

The Bookmobile is making rounds again. It was fixed but is still having problems with the generator that runs the AC. Hoping to figure this out for AZ summers. The bookmobile folks did a great job at *Mondo Anaya* yesterday.

5. President's Report (Tina Packard)

a. 2024 Chamber Business Showcase on October 9, 4 p.m.

Tina will be going. Tina made a poster, handouts, etc. She will bring a laptop and membership forms. Bonnie is unable to go. Barb volunteered to go. The address is 1251 W. Gila Bend Highway. Tina is going early to set up. The Exhibitor Business to Business Networking is at 4 p.m., followed by the main event open to the public from 5-6:30 p.m. Tina plans to make a tri-fold display to highlight FOL activities. Grace mentioned that Laura Dickson developed a spreadsheet with all FOL expenditures that supported the library. Bonnie suggested a mini book sale.

6. Newsletter Update (Mary Jane Cedar Face)

News ideas are welcome. The goal is to have the winter issue out by January 1. Please send along any photos taken at FOL events.

7. New Business

a. AZLA Conference October 16-18

Tina is presenting a session on dealing with difficult people. Anyone is welcome to attend.

b. Resignation

Michael Ouellette submitted a letter of resignation. He will continue to be an advisor for us on book sales. Barb and Tina will draft a proposed wording change to the bylaws to allow honorary, non-voting board members.

c. Documenting summer votes and decision process

Mary Jane will draft a summary of decisions that occurred over the summer when the board did not meet for the record.

d. Changes at ThriftBooks and another possible used book vendor

Bonnie said ThriftBooks is updating their contract. The new process includes free shipping, but it is more particular about what can be sent and box weight, and the shipping process is more work. Amber passed along literature from another used book vendor that we will consider.

e. Recyclops

Having Tina use her Recyclops subscription for our recycling is working for Tina. We are still reimbursing Tina every six months.

f. Halloween Storywalk, Tuesday, October 29th, in Peart Park at 10 a.m.

Barb, Mary Jane, and Tina volunteered for this. It was fun last year. The event is scheduled from 10-noon. Volunteers should plan to arrive by 9:45 a.m.

8. Adjournment

Move to adjourn at 9:10 by Sue Reeves. Seconded by Richard Fletchner. Meeting adjourned.

9. Next Meeting: November 7, 2024 @ 8:30 am

a. Agenda items, reports, and attachments are due by Sunday, 11-3-24.

b. Agenda goes out Monday evening, 11-4-24.

Minutes submitted by Mary Jane Cedar Face, 10/9/2024.