



Library Board Meeting Minutes – August 27, 2015

Meeting called to order by Dave Browning at 3:00pm.

Members present:

Carla Brewster
Dave Browning
Ruth Garrison
Dorothy Renstrom
Harriet Young

Members excused:

Joanne Parkes
Lena Fowler

Library Staff present:

Heidi Holland
Holland Christie
Amelia Mason
Jack Hallin

Other Staff present:

Rick Tadder, Acting Director of Management Services

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the meeting of June 25 were approved.

Public Participation

None.

Library Director's Report

1. Heidi Holland told members about upcoming library programs.
2. She informed the Board that they need to begin meeting at City Hall by January so that meetings can be recorded. The Board questioned the need for this and wanted to know what would be done with the recordings. They will be put on the city's website. The Board reluctantly chose to begin meeting at City Hall in January to comply with the recording requirement. Members also agreed to keep the same day and time for meetings—the 4th Thursday of the month at 3pm.
3. Heidi spoke about the \$30,000 the Navajo Hopi Land Commission granted to the Tuba City Library back in 2001, but they never received an actual check. The latest is that they issued an agreement rather than the expected check, so legal staff is reviewing the agreement. The original group that developed the grant no longer exists. The funds are needed for remodeling, replacing carpet, and taking out a stairwell that's never used.



4. The Library is pursuing the space vacated by Tony's Barber Shop, next door to EFCL, as more space is needed. Coconino Community College, the owner, agreed to add this space to our current rent for \$450 a month. However, there is asbestos, and this is currently being evaluated, after which we can bring the amendment to the City Council. The library doesn't have extra money in the budget for this, but, given the space needs at EFCL, it would be taken out of the circulating materials budget.

Flagstaff Reads Program

1. Holland Christie, Public Services Manager, introduced Flagstaff Reads, a partnership with NAU (for freshmen), to foster community. This year's book is *Just Mercy*. The book's author, Bryan Stevenson, will be in Flagstaff for the event. Copies of the book were distributed to the Board. She described the associated book discussion group, as well as future programs, such as that with the Arizona Innocence Project.
2. Related to Library Programs, she also explained to the Board that the library sometimes partners with the Museum of Northern Arizona, as the museum provides a much larger venue than the library has and will sometimes do so free of charge.

Social Return on Investment Analysis

1. Amelia Mason spoke about the Social Return on Investment analysis project. She handed out a summary to the Board, based on the full report. The library worked with a consultant, John Burns of Community Services Analysis. It shows the values assumed for various library products and services. The Board expressed an interest in seeing the full report. Amelia will email it to them. The report cost about \$8,000, which was less than the normal amount charged for such an extensive report. The library worked with the consultant and provided a lot of statistics as inputs to his report. A Board member asked if we could do this regularly, but the cost and amount of work required makes that less likely.

Close of Meeting

1. The next Library Board meeting is October 23 at 3:00pm at the Flagstaff Main Library.
2. Meeting adjourned at 3:55pm.