Patagonia Public Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, July 15, 2021

Patagonia Public Library, 346 Duquesne, Patagonia, AZ

The meeting was called to order in the Mary Rebecca Cady Reading Room in the Patagonia Library at 4:00 P.M.

In attendance were Laura Wenzel, Library Director, Board Members German Quiroga, Anu Krzys, Claire Thaemert, Kate Musick, Debbie Robinson, Sondra Porter via phone joined at 4:09 P.M., and Jan Herron from Friends of the Patagonia Library.

The meeting minutes from the April 15, 2021 meeting were approved. Jan Herron spoke a few encouraging words about the Friends of the Library during the call to the public.

OLD BUSINESS

Legacy Garden/Library maintenance concerns -Laura noted that Tree of Heaven is popping up and need to be chopped down on a regular basis. German and Anu will take care of that. Laura said that a volunteer suggested putting up a sail type sunshade in the Legacy Garden to shade the brick area right outside the door to the garden. Anu will look into the structural integrity of the building to see if it will be possible. And the Friends of the Patagonia Library approved 1 bench.

The amended By-Laws of the Library Advisory Board were approved and recommended to be presented to the Town Council for approval.

Laura’s update on Phase 3 – With 2 HEPA filters and 2 high powered filters, Laura is considering changing the mask policy to recommending instead of mandatory. Some people are not following the mask mandate and it will ease tension to make this change. She will talk to the Town Manger about it.

New Board Members – The Board agreed to add to the Board Deb Goff and Cynthia Berk. Therefore, we will send a recommendation to the Town Council that Deb Goff and Cynthia Berk be added as Members of the Patagonia Public Library Advisory Board.

NEW BUSINESS

Laura summarized her monthly report.

Election of officers for the Library Board were as follows:

 Chair - Anu Krzys Vice Chair - Sondra Porter Secretary – Debbie Robinson

With the understanding that once Deb and Cynthia are officially on the Board they may wish to fill one of the positions.

No future agenda items mentioned. The next Library Board Meeting was set for August 19 at 4 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 4:31 PM.

Minutes submitted by Debbie Robinson 7/21/2021