Patagonia Public Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, August 19, 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. Anu thanked the Board Members for their participation and explained how the board normally conducts the meeting as a consensus rather than motion based and everyone agreed to continue in this way.

In attendance were Laura Wenzel, Library Director, Board Members Anu Krzys, Debbie Robinson, Deb Goff, Cynthia Berk, Sondra Porter via phone, and Sue Best from Friends of the Patagonia Library.

The meeting minutes from the July 15, 2021 meeting were approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Legacy Garden/Library maintenance concerns – Some weeding has been done more is needed. Jade DeForest (new staff member) has put up some bird feeders and lots of birds have been seen. Anu will tend the garden tomorrow.

For the additional shade and outdoor seating in the Legacy Garden, Laura purchased two metal tables with chairs and freestanding umbrellas instead of attaching anything to the building.

Laura’s update on Phase 3 – No changes, will see how the Delta variant goes. Anu asked if everyone was on the same page about the masks. Laura said yes

NEW BUSINESS

Laura summarized her monthly report and gave details about programs and grants. She is very pleased with her two new staff members, Kayla Miller and Jade DeForest, and has begun giving them responsibilities, seed project and assisting in children’s programing to name a few. Laura has received a certificate of completion in one course and has started another toward her Library Certification. Laura gave some details about what the ARPS funds will be used for including Digital Newspapers and a Digital Theater subscription. They will be a one-year subscriptions. Deb asked how people will know that this is available. Laura responded by word of mouth (us), our local paper, our website. Anu asked if there is anything Laura needs from us and if Cady Hall is okay – roof leaking etc. Laura reported that Cady Hall is fine, but that the gutter to the cistern looks rotted and may need attention. Anu will check on this.

No future agenda items mentioned. The next Library Board Meeting was set for September 16, at 4 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 4:26 PM.

Minutes submitted by Debbie Robinson 8/23/2021