Patagonia Public Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, October 14, 2021

Patagonia Public Library, 346 Duquesne, Patagonia, AZ

The meeting was called to order in the Southwestern Room in the Patagonia Library at 4:04 P.M.

In attendance were Laura Wenzel, Library Director, Board Members Anu Krzys, Debbie Robinson, Deb Goff, and Sondra Porter. Cynthia Berk was absent.

The minutes from the September 16, 2021, meeting was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Legacy Garden – Anu reported that javelina have been getting into the garden. The decision was made to lock the gates again to keep them out at night. The cistern’s filters will need to be cleaned out which is an involved process. We may need to think about making changes. Anu suggested to wait until spring to plant the items Laura purchased for the garden to avoid transplanting in the cold. Laura agreed and will take care of the plants until then. Anu suggested we have a workday this fall, all agreed.

Library Maintenance – Mice have been spotted in Cady Hall and the Library. Jade will set out live traps overnight for safety and no disruption to the library. Laura reported the 2 mini split units and 1 compressor will be replaced and that the men’s bathroom has a toilet that may need repaired.

NEW BUSINESS

Laura summarized her monthly report and said things are busy and going well. We had 987 visitors in September. Kayla is working on Act 1 Arizona which provides passes to museums and parks. There are still some chairs and an umbrella to be assembled for the garden and will have staff and volunteers to work on that. Anu stated if electrical was available for the garden that would be great. The Big Read program is doing great. Friends of the Library book sale was $4000 ! Laura received a quote for the Hot Spots grant and will be able to have 7 spots. Laura is continuing her 6-week course for her certification and will be attending a Library conference next week. Sondra asked about the statis of the memorial bench and Anu said he will check with Keven. Sondra also asked what is it that the Board Members need to do. Anu said that we advocate for the library, use the library, and volunteer at the library and help at Friends of the Library functions. Also, we advise and give support to Laura. We are a service board not a governing board. We need to show a unified front in support of the grants Laura applies for and receives. Anu also praised Laura for the radio spots.

No future agenda items mentioned. The next Library Board Meeting was set for November 18, 2021 at 4 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 4:30 PM.

Minutes submitted by Debbie Robinson 10/20/2021