Patagonia Public Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 18, 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 4:04 P.M.

In attendance were Laura Wenzel, Library Director, Board Members Anu Krzys, Debbie Robinson, Sondra Porter, Deb Goff, and Kate Peake from Friends of the Patagonia Library. Cynthia Berk was absent.

The minutes from the October 14, 2021, meeting was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Legacy Garden – The maintenance of the garden was discussed. The cistern and filter will be fixed by Anu. We need a maintenance shed and some tools to better enable the maintaining of the garden area. Anu will build the shed and Laura has some supply funds available to purchase necessary items, stiff bristled push broom, rake, pruning shears, etc. Anu gave an update on the javelina issue. The neighbor has blocked the bottom of the fence on his side, and we will need to add a specific piece of wood on our side to make it look nice. Laura said that Susan Englebry has offered to prune the roses. Also thought we should get a hose caddy for safety as well as looking nice. Anu was happy for Susan to prune the roses and will pick up a hose caddy for the garden area.

Building Maintenance - Anu asked if any more mice have been seen and Laura said not at this time. Laura reported that there are a couple of issues with window screens and her office door needs a new screen and door handle, door won’t stay closed. Laura said she could put in a work order at the Town office.

NEW BUSINESS

Laura summarized her monthly report and things are going great. We had 1380 visitors this month with 82 program attendees. The NEA Big Read events are going well and she and Cassina are continuing to create promotional materials and promos for the radio station. She just recorded some new spots for K-PUP. The Friends of the Library Newsletter (which Laura did) has been well received. Great Job! The Library Conference was fun and informative. She is implementing some of what she learned. She is keeping track of library users’ comments on the computer desktop for future reference regarding grant writing, etc. Laura is continuing her course study and has completed 2 courses. They are not having too many issues with masks. The children’s library use numbers are down due to not many school groups coming in. But there is some fun stuff ahead for the kids being planned. Laura has been approached by a couple local authors who have ideas for future events.

Sondra expressed apprehension of indoor events and asked about investing in outdoor heat lamps for outdoor events. Laura was hesitant but said it’s worth looking into. She also said that the Emergency Act Funds will provide heavy duty mobile filters for indoor events.

Kate reported on the Friends of the Library’s plans to have the Trivia Night this coming February if Covid numbers allow. If not, they are thinking of having it later in spring outdoors. Discussion began concerning creating a 3-to-5-year outdoor venue plan.

Future Agenda Item would be to work on the 3-to-5-year outdoor venue plan to present to the Town Council. The next meeting was set for December 16, 2021, at 4:00 P.M.

Adjourned at 4:42 P.M.