Patagonia Public Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, December 16, 2021

Patagonia Public Library, 346 Duquesne, Patagonia, AZ

The meeting was called to order in the Southwestern Room in the Patagonia Library at 4:09 P.M.

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

The minutes from the November 18, 2021, meeting was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Legacy Garden – Anu reported places where the javelina have been getting into the garden have been fixed. Anu and German took down the apricot tree. It was thought that another tree would be nice. Laura thought a fruit tree would be good. Anu said that he would make a material list for a new hose caddy & hose and give to the library. The cistern is working, and no repair needed. The issue was the roof.

Library Maintenance – Anu said he could repair the roof with silicone. Laura said that since the roof was part of the building, it would fall under the Town’s responsibility for maintenance. However, the shed/tools wanted would fall under the library’s responsibility. Laura will look in her budget and see if she can use the $2500 magazine money for Building maintenance and if the Friends of the Library would help with the magazine cost. Also reported that the office screen door was fixed by the Town.

NEW BUSINESS

Laura gave an overview of her monthly report. Laura and Cassina will meet to reflect over the Big Read events and discuss the successes and where improvements can be made for future planning. Kayla is working on presenting a children’s story time. Anu asked if we have a liaison with the school library. Laura said that she has tried before and that it would be the best way to reach out and include the children. Laura explained how Borderlands Restoration’s (working with the Sky Islands Alliance) FotoFauna project wants to partner with the library to lend wildlife cameras to library patrons who would then upload for the project. The new circulation desk will arrive in March. Laura hosted a presentation about citizen science projects in the area as one of the final pieces of the LTC Grant. It was a small group but had a great brainstorming session. Also, Gamma and Murphy Music would like to finish the floors in Cady Hall. They will provide the labor and the town will provide the materials.

With the virus peaking, making an outdoor space is becoming more important. It all comes down to funding. Laura was asked if there is any funding available. She will check. She mentioned if we don’t do the summer lunch program those funds may be available. A sketch of the outdoor space was given to the members to use to come up with ideas to discuss at the next meeting.

No other future agenda items mentioned. The next Library Board Meeting was set for January 20, 2022, at 4 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 4:45 PM.

Minutes submitted by Debbie Robinson 12/23/2021