Patagonia Public Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, April 14, 2022

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 Kayla Miller, Interim Library Director, Board Members Anu Krzys, Debbie Robinson, Cynthia Berk, new Board Member Ann Danowitz, resigned Board Members Sondra Porter, Deb Goff, Friends of the Library Member Mary Spicer.

The minutes from the March 17, 2022, meeting was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

Maintenance Concerns & Outdoor Space – No pressing maintenance concerns. Kayla mentioned bathroom issues that were being monitored by the town.

NEW BUSINESS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS. We welcomed Ann Danowitz to the Board and then went over the Advisory Board information packet which includes the Volunteer Code of Conduct Agreement, Resolution 151, the By-Laws, Library Policy and a brief history of Patagonia and the library.

LIBRARY REPORT. Kayla told us of some feedback she has been receiving from some of the library patrons who don’t like the new hours – being closed on Monday and Tuesday. She explained these are temporary due to needing coverage each day until a director is hired. Discussion then moved into the hiring process with questions that included: Is the salary posted with the ad? No. Is Kayla okay if another person is hired? Yes, she has no animosity and wants the best for the library. Anu said he is comfortable with Kayla at the helm. Kayla gave the Monthly Report that Laura had completed before she left. Kayla is focusing on digital and material for the kids to encourage them to come in and use the library. Cynthia asked if the school was bringing kids to the library. Kayla said that she and Kate Peake are planning to bring 3 different age groups to the library.

Mary Spicer gave a Friends report. The Friends meet the first Thursday of the month at 4:30 P.M. at the library. They are putting together an Advisory Committee and would like someone from our Board to be on it. Deb Robinson said she would. They are having a special meeting on April 28th to discuss their By-Laws and their next meeting will be May 5th. Anu will attend.

Anu led discussion on the Advisory Board taking a more active role in the renting out of Cady Hall and making improvements to Cady Hall and the surrounding outdoor space to make it more desirable. Anu gave the sketch to Mary Spicer to talk to Robert Gay about drawing up the plans. Kayla and Laura had discussed vamping up an outdoor area for kids and teens. Questions arose as to the legalities of an advisory board handling the rental fees so the money would go directly to the library.

Question was asked about the Summer Kid’s Lunch Program. Kayla said the plans would need to be made and finalized by mid-May.

We also discussed members reviewing the resumes for the director position. Is it legal? If so yes. If Kayla is not hired, we would like to see her as library assistant instead of clerk.

Kayla told us a parent has asked the library to ban their child because the library staff would be unable to meet the child’s needs. Recommended contacting our Town attorney for guidance.

No future agenda items mentioned. The next Library Board Meeting was set for May 19, 2022, at 4 PM.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 PM. Minutes submitted by Debbie Robinson 04/18/2022