Patagonia Public Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes

Thursday, November 15, 2022

Patagonia Public Library, 346 Duquesne, Patagonia, AZ

1. The meeting was called to order in the Mary Rebecca Cady Reading Room, Patagonia Library at 10:07 A.M.

2. In attendance were Kayla Miller, Interim Library Director, Board Members Ann Danowitz, Linda Shore, Debbie Robinson, Cynthia Berk, Susan Lange, and Marilyn Miller from the Friends of the Library.

3. The minutes from the September 15, 2022, meeting was approved.

OLD BUSINESS

4. LEGACY GARDEN UPDATE. Ann reported about a regrettable miscommunication resulting in the clean-up going a little too far. Ann had a small group of people meet in the garden to conduct a cleansing energy to assess what was needed to heal the garden. There was a sense of grief and neglect, don’t ignore the legacy and since it’s winter, let the garden rest. Three elements to bring into the garden were Color (solar Christmas lights), Sound (wind chimes), and Water (solar fountain). There was much discussion and many ideas bounced around about what should be done and how to go about it. Kayla spoke with Mary McKay to help with the rose cuttings. Kayla informed us that the library received an anonymous gift for the library garden with specific instructions on how they wished the money to be used.

5. LIBRARY SURVEY UPDATE. We have received 10 in house and none yet online They are all positive.

6. WECOME SUSAN LANGE TO THE BOARD. We were excited to welcomed Susan Lange to the board and she received her information packet.

NEW BUSINESS

7. LIBRARY REPORT. Kayla reported numbers for October attendance (1801), digital and physical materials checked out by adults and children, and public computer use sessions. These statistics are required to be collected by the American Library Association. The Astronomy for Beginners program with Kenn Graun is going very well with 25 people in attendance and everyone had a great time using the telescope and seeing the different celestial objects. There were no issues with the parking at the museum. The music and color nights are going well with 15 in attendance. They are very respectful of the time and are packed up and ready to leave by 8:30 p.m. Kayla has begun to issue library cards to some of the kids who have been checking out materials under their parent’s card, to get a more accurate count on the number of materials checked out by children. Kayla is currently taking three classes toward her Library Certification.

Q & A – Cynthia asked if what she is learning helps her here at the library. Kayla responded that yes, it is helpful.

8. WEBSITE UPDATE. Linda gave an overview and suggested we write articles and posts to keep the website current. She will check with Greg Whitcoe on the website specifications.

The next Library Board Meeting was set for December 13, 2022, at 10:00 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:14 A.M.

Minutes submitted by Debbie Robinson 12/05/2022