

City of Alamosa
Alamosa Public Library Board
Board of Trustees Regular Meeting Minutes
May 23, 2017
5:30pm

I. Roll Call

Present: Heather Brooks, Laura Bruneau, Patty Campbell, Dawn Krebs, Jan Vigil, Mary Walsh. Staff: Heinz Bergann, Andy Rice, Salai Taylor.

II. Agenda Approval

Heather moved to approve the agenda, seconded by Laura; vote was unanimous.

III. Approval of Minutes

Laura motioned to approve the minutes from the March meeting, seconded by Mary; vote was unanimous.

IV. Public Comment (none)

V. Presentations (none)

VI. Policy Discussion (none)

VII. Updated on Current Programs/Items

a. Library Manager Report

Salai did a quick overview of the manager report for April and May. She noted the circulation rose in March and dropped in April, but remained steady. The library had a total of 15 volunteer hours in March and 22 in April. Laura asked if her last scheduled Read with Moose would interfere with the summer reading and Salai expressed that it wouldn't be a problem since the summer reading is in the morning and Moose comes in the afternoon.

21 children and parents attended the movie night in March for "Pete's Dragon" and 15 came to see "Storks" in April. The local Fiber group, Historic Preservation Advisory Committee, People First, and SLV Origami held their regular meetings. The library currently has 7 Little Free Libraries located at the Food Bank, La Puente, Zapata Park, the Senior Center, Nancy Cutter's Office, the SLV Immigrant Resource Center, and Cole Park. Salai shared a request to add another one to the Jardin Hermosa Park. She also put in a request to fix the door of the Little Free Library at Zapata Park.

The Friends of the Library are collecting donations for upcoming book sales. Heather added that she would donate some books and asked where to bring them. Salai said that if there are a lot of donations, she could take them to the shed, but if there is only an armful, she can bring them to her at the library. The National Rotary grant awarded the library \$9,000 which will be spent building more book shelves in the Book Nook, painting a Mural on the book shed, and possibly purchasing a book bike. Heinz reported that 3 people have applied for the 3 vacancies on the library board and interviews will be conducted very soon.

b. Children’s Librarian Report

Salai skipped over the March Children’s Report and focused on the events that took place in April and upcoming summer programs. 23 kids and 10 adults came from the Little Treasures Preschool in La Jara to visit the library. The new story “Giraffes Can’t Dance” by Andreae Giles was added to the StoryWalk. Becky made a “Mouse’s I Spy” display on the back of the board book shelf for the One Book 4 Colorado and an anniversary display for the Story Room window.

The summer reading theme is *Build a Better World* and will start on June 7th with the Kick-Off Celebration with Community Building. Salai asked for volunteers to help with the Castle Clay Hand Building and the Rolled Newspaper Structures from 9:45am-12:00pm. Andy offered to ask Cari Smith, the ceramics/pottery instructor at the Recreation Center and Laura said that she could help set up the day before. The events are scheduled every Wednesday through July 26th.

VIII. Programs/Items

Salai was happy to announce the 115th Library Birthday Celebration welcomed nearly 400 people. The Mayor presented the library with a statue of a mom and two children reading on a park bench and read a proclamation to the crowd. There was music, cake, cookies, and demo stations of the community events that take place in the library.

IX. Board Comment

Andy Rice, the new Director starting at the beginning of June, was introduced to the board. Heather announced that Heinz would retire near the end of the year, but take a more flexible schedule. She emphasized that even though Andy was hired internally; they went through a weighted process and concluded that he was the best person for the position.

The board agreed that the celebration helped people know more about what goes on at the library. Mary credited Judith Boyd and her work on the PowerPoint presentation and Dawn added that if they would do another celebration in the future, they would have the background information ready. Laura asked if the board would like to send out thank you notes to the people who helped. Patty said that she would send one to the WCC for the cookies and refreshments. Salai will send one to the Friends of the Library and the Mayer. Mary offered to send an e-card to the Music department and Laura to the Theatre department at ASU. Dawn volunteered to send a card to Judith Boyd and will work with Laura to send a letter to the editor of the newspaper for covering the event.

Laura asked if the interviews go well, will the new board members be at the July meeting? Jan said they would and Dawn suggested after getting them acquainted, getting back to the priorities list.

X. Adjournment

Jan moved to adjourn, seconded by Laura; vote was unanimous.

Next Regularly Scheduled Meeting: July 25, 2017.