

**GLENDALE PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES**

Thursday, January 20, 2011

7:00 P.M.

Foothills Branch Library
19055 N. 57th Avenue
Glendale, AZ 85308

Members Present:

Ms. Camille Donley, Chairperson
Ms. Sandra Burr
Ms. Cherie Hudson
Ms. Marlowe Myers
Ms. Char Sharp
Ms. Allison Tedford
Mr. Ken Wixon

Others Present:

Ms. Sue Komernicky, Library & Arts Director
Ms. Cynthia Burmeister, Secretary, Glendale Library
Ms. Cathy Johnson, Library Manger, Foothills Library
Ms. Karen Reed, Librarian III, Foothills Library
Ms. Kim Huff, Librarian II, Foothills Library

Excused Absence: Ms. Katy Bickerstaff

Unexcused Absence: Mr. Pascal Tjahjo

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Donley, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Donley requested a motion to approve the minutes from the meeting held on November 18, 2010. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Sharp. The motion, seconded by Ms. Hudson, passed unanimously.

TOUR OF FOOTHILLS BRANCH LIBRARY

Ms. Cathy Johnson, Branch Manager, Ms. Karen Reed, Librarian, Ms. Kim Huff provided a tour of the Foothills Branch Library located at 19055 N 57th Avenue. The tour also included a presentation on early literacy and branch operations in the adult, youth and circulation areas which also touched on library services and programming.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR UPDATE

- Thank you to the Library Board members for the cookies they provided to the library page staff in appreciation for their continued hard work.
- The Employee of the Quarter is Cheryl Kennedy. Ms. Komernicky read the nomination to the board.
- Ms. Komernicky, president of MCLC, discussed her first meeting among metro Library Directors which included discussion on streamlining business practices and having more opportunities to address current issues.
- Library staff is working on developing Teen and Adult Facebook pages.
- Library staff will be working on setting up Overdrive stations at both the Main and Foothills libraries.
- Library staff is creating a desert garden gondola/display at the Main library. Children's storytime and crafts will also focus on a "green" theme.
- January 22nd begins the Arizona Songwriters Gathering with live performances and crafts on songwriting and other social media topics.
- Thursday, January 27th Live at the Library will feature musician R. Carlos Nakai and Will Clipman. Nakai is a Native American flutist and Clipman a master percussionist.

- One Book Arizona will be coming soon. The chosen children's book is Code Talkers. The Adult selection is Hopi Summer.
- Velma Teague kicked off their United Way storytimes. There were over 30 in attendance for each of the first two sessions.
- Velma Teague is hosting Job Search Labs.
- Ms. Lesa Holstine has scheduled 11 authors for Authors at the Teague.
- The lighting project at the Main library is underway.
- The skylight project and the new air conditioner for the Velma Teague library are tentatively scheduled for February 2011.
- The wireless services will be updated at all three Glendale libraries.
- Library staff is working with the Mayor's office on using teens from the Mayor's Youth Advisory Commission as library volunteers. This suggestion came from the Library Advisory Board members.
- Ms. Kristin Fletcher-Spear will appear on Channel 11 today.
- Ms. Komernicky passed on information to the members regarding Glendale University. All three libraries have information available on the spring session, along with a message being printed on library receipts.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

- Ms. Sharp stated that Southwest network has been contacted and is excited about doing special programs with the library.
- Ms. Hudson asked about the status of the west branch library. Ms. Komernicky said this issue may be part of the March budget discussions.
- Ms. Hudson asked if the libraries teach Facebook and Twitter classes. Ms. Komernicky said not at this time, however the libraries have tutorials on using e-books and also on job searching help.
- Ms. Burr stated that Councilmember Knaack is looking forward to viewing the presentation entitled "A Day in the Life of the Library." Ms. Myers suggested using YouTube to provide to the public. Ms. Komernicky agreed, but would need to look into that further.
- Ms. Burr visited the Lafayette Indiana library and brought back library materials to share. She stated that this library does not charge library fines. Ms. Burr also delivered to them a copy of the Glendale library's Book Bingo game.
- Ms. Hudson asked about the lighting project. Ms. Komernicky said it's underway with a completion date sometime in May 2011.
- Ms. Donley asked if the A/C handlers will be replaced at Velma Teague. Ms. Komernicky said yes. The warm weather months are a concern in getting this project completed early.
- Ms. Donley asked if the Maricopa County Library Consortium has considered the idea of using universal library cards. Ms. Komernicky said yes.
- Ms. Donley discussed her recent dealings with the Canadian library system.
- Ms. Myers asked if there were any specifics needing to be presented upon meeting with their individual Council members.
- Ms. Komernicky discussed the budget update at the last council meeting. A budget update had been given to Mayor and City Council during a recent workshop session. The holiday sales are unknown at this point. There is also no update on any changes to state shared revenues.
- Ms. Myers asked what impact volunteers have to the budget. Ms. Komernicky said they are a great help to the library, but the hours they put in don't make up for the losses to staff. Ms. Myers asked about academic credit, to which Ms. Komernicky stated many schools don't offer credit although some classes offer credit and we do get teen volunteers from schools. The libraries do also have interns from the University level that receive credit.

- Mr. Wixon asked if Ms. Komernicky and staff were invited to attend the council district meetings. Ms. Komernicky said yes.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Burmeister