

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

Thursday, September 16, 2010

7:00 P.M.

Main Library

5959 W. Brown St.

Glendale, AZ 85302

Members Present:

Ms. Camille Donley, Chairperson

Ms. Allison Tedford

Ms. Char Sharp

Ms. Cherie Hudson

Ms. Katy Bickerstaff

Ms. Sandra Burr

Mr. Kenneth Wixon

Mr. Pascal Tjahjo

Others Present:

Ms. Sue Komernicky, Library & Arts Director

Ms. Cynthia Burmeister, Secretary, Library

Ms. Su Westberg, Library Technology Coordinator

Excused Absence: Ms. Marlowe Myers

CALL TO ORDER

Ms. Donley, Chairperson, called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

INTRODUCTION OF TWO NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Ms. Donley introduced Mr. Tjahjo to the group. Ms. Myers was not present for introductions.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Ms. Donley requested a motion to approve the minutes of the meeting held May 20, 2010. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Sharp. The motion, seconded by Mr. Wixon, passed unanimously.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIR

ACTION ITEM

Chapter 20, Article II, Sec 20-20 of the Glendale City Code states that, "the chairperson of the board shall be appointed by the city council. The members of the board shall select a vice-chairman..... The chairman, vice-chairman, shall serve terms of one year."

Ms. Donley asked for volunteers first for the Vice Chair seat. Ms. Sharp volunteered for the seat. A motion to approve was made by Ms. Tedford. The motion, seconded by Ms. Burr, passed unanimously.

SUMMER WRAP UP

Library Director, Sue Komernicky, updated the Library Advisory Board on summer library activities including the Summer Reading Program and a presentation on the reorganization of the library system. The Summer Reading Program witnessed 7,500 youth participants, in addition to 643 teens. Ms. Komernicky and Ms. Westberg provided a presentation on the multiple reorganizations occurring at all three Glendale libraries over the past several years. Reductions in staffing, the need to fill vacancies, mentor other employees, and shuffle people and positions have been necessary and will continue into the future. Ms. Hudson asked about using interns. Ms. Komernicky let the board know we have some at this time. Mr. Wixon inquired about getting

additional IT support which Ms. Komernicky stated we are currently recruiting for a PC Support Specialist internally which will most likely leave a gap somewhere else.

FUTURE OF LIBRARIES

Libraries are changing and the library staff has been brainstorming future scenarios for the Glendale Public Library System. Library Director, Sue Komernicky, had a brainstorming session with the Library Advisory Board, getting ideas on how they see the future of the Glendale Public Library System. The following ideas were presented:

- Devices – Books on Phone
- On-line Books – books will not go away
- On-line libraries more prolific
- On-line Help
- Community Center
- Radio, television, physical format newspapers – sources of information
- Yahoo, Google, Facebook – sources of information for teens.
- Arts/Culture very important
- Librarians will be very important
- These days patrons are in a hurry, many time constraints
- Validity of on-line data is important
- Security

LIBRARY DIRECTOR UPDATE

Ms. Komernicky presented an update on the following activities, operations, and projects:

- Ms. Komernicky announced the employees of the month for the summer months as follows:
 - Vicki Kraintz Library Operations Supervisor (Foothills) June 2010
 - Evelyn Lisitzky Librarian IV. (Foothills) July 2010
 - Marlene Jacobson III. (Main) August 2010
- Summer Activities included the City's Innovate Program which the Library submitted a request, came up with five ideas for streamlining and providing better service in our check-in area.
- The Main library lighting project will be underway with an economic stimulus grant received to replace light bulbs that are no longer made. Foothills received new lighting in their circulation workroom previously.
- Grants:
 - The Early Literacy Grant has been received and will be used for various youth services and materials.
 - The library has received a grant from the State library to be used for library materials.
 - The second part of the Glendale Historical On-line grant on oral histories has been received.
- Library Projects included:
 - Relocating the photo copiers closer to the reference area for better service
 - Updated/new area labels
 - Streamlining the travel collection
 - Renovation of the graphic novel and small business collections
 - Relocating the large print collection closer to the reference area
 - Consolidating the new book collection
 - Relocating the self-help collection to the southeast end of the building
 - Streamlining the gondolas
- Other updates
 - The Main library has an intern, Somone Johnson, assigned to the task of coming up with strategies for reaching non-users.

- The Community Services Hybrid Group is a collection of different action groups comprised of city employees to focus on various issues in marketing, neighborhood outreach, volunteering, community education and emergency response.
- The “Big Read” is back, showcasing Jack London’s Call of the Wild. It will run from September 25th through October 31st. The kickoff will take place at the Wild Life World Zoo.
- There will be a dedication ceremony on October 5th at 6:00 p.m. for the new public safety memorial.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS

Ms. Burr suggested contacting the public schools to inquire about the possibility of students volunteering at the libraries to complete community service hours. Ms. Komernicky agreed to follow up.

ADJOURNMENT

Ms. Donley requested a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ms. Tedford moved that the meeting be adjourned. The motion, seconded by Ms. Bickerstaff, passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned by Ms. Donley at 8:32 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Cynthia Burmeister