

**PALM SPRINGS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
FEBRUARY 23, 2010
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m.

Present: Board Members Paul Harding, Raymond Dale, Michelle Dunlap, George Waller, Jayne Gardner

Administrative Assistant Karen Hoffecker

Approval of Agenda

George made the motion to approve the agenda as presented. Jayne seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Minutes

Jayne moved to approve the minutes of the January 19th meeting. George seconded the motion; motion carried.

Library Director's Report

Elena wished to remind everyone that Karen is reporting directly from her, and that any questions or concerns are to be directed to Elena. She can be reached in her office during regular working hours and welcomes any comments or concerns.

Statistics

Library usage in terms of services provided is up, contrary to the slight decrease in door count numbers.

State Aid

Again, there is talk about State Aid being decreased. This happens each year. Elena has provided an article outlining the possibility of decrease. She stresses that no action is needed or required at this time. The article is strictly for your information only. Elena will monitor the situation and keep the Board informed of new developments and any required action.

AARP Tax Volunteers

The AARP Tax Volunteers have been very busy, increasing library foot traffic, even on days when they are not scheduled to be here. In order to accommodate those who arrive when the service is not available, the Library has provided a list of other local AARP tax preparation sites. The list is available at the circulation desk. The Library estimates the AARP serves about 20 people at each session. We are waiting for them to report an actual total. They are here Tuesdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. The last hour is reserved for those already signed in and waiting.

Scholarship

After some discussion, the Board voted on an amount of \$700.00 to give to the Joseph Fallon Scholarship.

Wireless Connection

The Library needs to update our wireless function (software, etc.). Patty Rogers is currently researching options and will present Elena with costs (we are trying to keep the amount under \$500.00).

Library Programs

A Celtic Craft program is scheduled March 11th at 4:00 p.m. We will enjoy listening to Irish music while making the craft. Green colored apple juice and scones will be offered.

The Bookmark Contest is currently underway. Entries are to be received by March 20th. The awards ceremony is scheduled for April 14th at 7:00 p.m. Elena welcomes the Board members to attend.

The Workforce Alliance Mobile Unit will be available March 22nd, from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. They provide free job searching assistance.

The Annual Library Art in the Garden Sidewalk Chalk Festival is scheduled for April 24th from 9 to 2. The Bluegrass Jam group which meets in the Library has expressed interest in providing music for the festival.

Jazz Nite is scheduled for April 27th at 6:30 p.m. We are excited to have the Palm Springs Middle School Jazz Band back again this year.

Jerry Devor is continuing with the Book Discussion groups. Flyers were passed around detailing information.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Friends of the Library

The Friends donated \$500.00 to the Joseph Fallon Scholarship.

Miscellaneous

Positive comments were made regarding the Black History Month posters and displays around the Library. Michelle commented on the beautiful state of our Butterfly Garden.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be March 16th at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 7:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hoffecker
Recording Secretary