

**PALM SPRINGS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
MARCH 17, 2009
MINUTES**

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 PM.

Present: Board Members Jayne Gardner, George Waller, Kathleen Dunn, Irma Contreras, Paul Harding, Milton Kraemer, Bev Smith

Library Director Elena Romeo

Administrative Assistant Karen Hoffecker

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes

Jayne moved to approve the minutes of the February 17th meeting. Kathleen seconded the motion; motion carried.

Library Director's Report

Library Special Revenue Fund – \$62,450.46

Statistics

Statistics are up. Numbers continue to climb due to the economy. Circulation and reference question numbers have also increased.

Sidewalk Festival

The Library Chalk Art Festival is scheduled for April 4th. The Friends have provided 75 boxes of chalk. The library is also conducting a small book sale during the festival along with a Friends membership table. The library will be purchasing a shade canopy to use during the festival. Anthony Espina will provide music for the festival again this year. The Bluegrass Jam group which meets in the library has also offered to provide music.

Web Pages

The library website is completely redone and currently features library quotes on the homepage. Links are provided for children and teen information services.

Bookmark Awards Ceremony

The bookmark awards ceremony is April 16th. The Mayor has agreed to present the awards this year.

AARP Tax Volunteers

171 people came to the library for assistance with their taxes.

State Aid Fund

Our projected amount of State Aid has decreased by a total of three thousand dollars. Next year, there is a slight increase projected for the State Aid, but that remains to be seen.

Board Vacancy

Currently there is one board vacancy.

Scholarship

Fourteen scholarship applications were received this year. The board voted on the amount of money to be given to the Fallon Scholarship Fund. Jayne proposed an amount of \$750.00. Kathleen made a motion to approve \$750.00 to be donated to the Fallon Scholarship Fund. Jayne seconded the motion; motion carried.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Friends of the Library

Jerry Devor is working on reviving the Friends. Barbara Jetty re-joined this year. George expressed an interest in joining the group.

PAL Program

Paul Harding gave a report on the PAL mentoring program. This year's group made much progress.

Library Programs

The Laughter program will be rescheduled due to illness of the presenter. Date and time will be announced.

Connecting with Nature program is April 25th at 1:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served and everyone will return home with a seedling plant.

Aging to Perfection begins this week. This three week series is featured on Fridays at 2:00 p.m. The program will run until April 3rd.

An Acupuncture Presentation is scheduled for April 15th at 7:00 p.m.

National Library Week runs from April 12th thru April 18th. The theme is Worlds Connect @your library. April 14th is National Library Worker's Day. April 16th is Support Teen Literature Day and we are planning on a possible reader's theatre for the teens.

Jazz Night is scheduled for April 28th at 6:30 p.m.

Karen is also working on scheduling the PBSO Mounted Unit horses to come to the library, possibly sometime during the summer.

Miscellaneous

No miscellaneous business.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be April 21st at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

Jayne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Kathleen. The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hoffecker
Recording Secretary