

PALM SPRINGS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
APRIL 21, 2009
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 PM.

Present: Board Members Jayne Gardner, George Waller, Irma Contreras, Paul Harding

Library Director Elena Romeo

Administrative Assistant Karen Hoffecker

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes

Jayne moved to approve the minutes of the March 17th meeting. George seconded the motion; motion carried.

Library Director's Report

Library Special Revenue Fund – \$62,450.46

Statistics

Library use continues to increase, including use of public computers, circulation and reference questions. Each staff member has an assigned time to work at the front desk.

Growth in Visits

Increased library usage can be seen in wear and tear on floor mats, carpets, and in increased website visits.

Summer Reading Program

This summer the Library will feature two Summer Reading Programs for different age groups. Karen and Michele are currently developing the Teen Summer Program, the first Summer Reading Program just for Teens. This year's theme for both programs is Be Creative @ your library.

Board Vacancy

Currently, there is one board vacancy.

Tax Volunteers

55 people came to the library for assistance with their taxes in the two weeks of April in which the AARP Tax Preparers were here.

Art in the Garden

The second annual Art in the Garden Chalk Festival was a success. Anthony Espina provided wonderful background music for artists of all ages. Paul attended and participated with his own artwork. Jayne volunteered at the sign up desk, helping the artists register and making sure they received their chalk. Everyone had a wonderful time and pictures of the event are available on the library website. A large photo spread was featured in the Coastal Observer. The Library is looking forward to next year's festival. The book sale realized over \$70.00. The Boy Scouts were on hand to sell water and snacks.

Scholarships

Four scholarship winners were chosen to be awarded \$1,000 each in the Village of Palm Springs Joseph Fallon Scholarship.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Friends of the Library

The Friends were pleased to be involved in the Art in the Garden and look forward to next year's program. Two people joined the Friends at the Chalk Art Fest.

PAL Program

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

Library Programs

Arbor Day Celebration is scheduled for Friday, April 24th at 10:00 a.m. All Library Board members are invited. Three hibiscus trees will be planted in the Reading Garden, with three framed plaques which the 2008 PAL program participants hand painted. The Library is providing refreshments for the ceremony.

Jazz Night is scheduled for Tuesday, April 28th at 6:30 p.m. The Palm Springs Middle School Jazz Band led by Band Director Paul Maggersoup will play outside by the fountain.

Connecting with Nature Program is April 25th at 1:00 p.m. All participants will receive a seedling to plant and take home. The program is sponsored by Hospice of Palm Beach County.

Miscellaneous

Elena reminded the Board that elections will be held next month.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be May 19th at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

Jayne made a motion to adjourn, seconded by George. The meeting was adjourned at 7:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hoffecker
Recording Secretary