

PALM SPRINGS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 15, 2009
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM.

Present: Board Members Paul Harding, Kathleen Dunn, Jayne Gardner, George Waller, Raymond Dale, Milton Kraemer, Michelle Dunlap

Council Liaison Bev Smith

Library Director Elena Romeo

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

Kathleen moved to approve the minutes of the May 19th meeting. George seconded the motion; motion carried.

Library Director's Report

Library Special Revenue Fund – \$63,674.60

Statistics

Door count is up nine percent from last year. Computer use is also up. The library is doing well in handling the increase in library use.

Budget

The budget for this year is slightly up from last year, mainly due to staffing costs.

State Aid

Elena is working on the first part of the State Aid grant. It is expected to be completed and in the mail next week. State Aid amount has dropped slightly from last year, this year's predicted amount is \$14,347.00.

Broadband Stimulus

Part of the government stimulus program, the broadband stimulus was originally directed at rural libraries, or those who could not afford adequate internet services. The program also covers equipment. We requested new computers to replace all old computers for patron use. We will be expected to pay \$3,000.00 for our part in purchasing new equipment.

New Items for the Library

Two new computers were purchased to replace old staff machines. Jerry continues to maintain our computers to get the most out of them. A new movie projector was purchased to replace the old projector, which has been getting a lot of use due to our movie programs. The new projector costs much less to maintain than its predecessor. With the growing popularity of our gamers program, a Wii video game system and fitness bundle was purchased.

Directors Meeting in Tallahassee

Elena will attend the Florida Public Library Directors Meeting in Tallahassee on October 7th, 8th and 9th.

Municipal Directors Meeting

The Municipal Directors meeting will take place this Friday, September 18th, here at the library. Hours are being cut in several Palm Beach County municipal libraries. We are continuing to operate at 63 hours.

Summer Program Attendance

Summer programs were well attended. The Teen Summer Reading Program will continue next year. It had an excellent response and maintained its numbers from week to week. Karen started the Teen and Tween craft programs. For the first program, she sewed tote bags using upholstery fabric. So many people signed up for the program, that she had to make more. Everyone who attended had a great time. The next craft program is Celebrate Autumn – Make your own pinecone birdfeeder, September 24th at 3:30 p.m. Mary Helen Sakellarios started a Storytelling Workshop in which she taught attendees about storytelling. At the end of the workshop, they showcased their skills in a storytelling concert. Hospice of Palm Beach County is also continuing their workshop series. The next workshop, Caring for Yourself in Challenging Times is scheduled for September 22nd at 3:00 p.m.

Elections

Kathleen motioned to keep the current officers in the same positions. Jayne seconded the motion; motion carried. The officers are: President Paul Harding and Vice President Kathleen Dunn

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

There was no new business.

Friends of the Library

The Friends of the Library sponsored Banned Books Week (September 26th - October 3rd) and Teen Read Week (October 18th – October 24th). The Banned Books Bash is September 28th at 2:30 p.m. The Friends will provide pizza and funded posters and buttons for the event.

Miscellaneous

Jayne, Michelle, and Raymond commented about how much they enjoyed the 3rd Annual Medieval Faire.

Next Meeting

The next board meeting will be October 20th at 7:00 PM.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hoffecker
Recording Secretary