

PALM SPRINGS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 16, 2008
MINUTES

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

Present: Board Members George Waller, Kathleen Dunn, Paul Harding, Irma Contreras

Library Director Elena Romeo

Administrative Assistant, Karen Hoffecker

Approval of Agenda

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

Minutes

Paul moved to approve the minutes of the May 20th meeting. George seconded the motion; motion carried.

Library Director's Report

Library Special Revenue Fund – \$65,851.69

Introductions to the newest Library Board Member, Irma Contreras were made. Her children have been using the library for many years. Paul Mirabito and Bernie Gardner resigned from the Board. Chet Osborne has also resigned as Council Liaison, due to a conflict.

Statistics

We had over 9000 visits to the library in July. Library use has reached record numbers. Karen Hoffecker and Michele Rodriguez continue to schedule various programs and movies, which increases library patronage. The movies have been wildly popular, as well as the new crafting programs. The Library Medieval Faire was a success.

Budget

We are fortunate in that we have a good budget this year.

Staff

Katie Swick is no longer a part of the staff. Heidi Escobar and Anthony Espina have joined the staff. He played his original compositions for the keyboard for our Chalk Art Festival.

Miscellaneous

The carpets were recently cleaned and the meeting and study rooms were painted. A new art collection has also been hung, featuring works by Helene Baggett and Emilce Barnes.

Banned Books Week is scheduled for September 27 thru October 4. Once a year, libraries celebrate the Freedom to Read with this week long focus on previously challenged books.

Traveling Pants Program

The Traveling Pants program was a huge success with the teens and tweens. A pair of jeans traveled from four different area libraries and was decorated at each stop. The jeans were then raffled off at the end of the program. The success of this program prompted the creation of a new library series of programs, Movie-and-a-Craft. High School Musical II is set to be shown September 30, with the featured craft being tote-bag decorating. The library provides all materials free of charge. Michele and Karen are both working on creating ideas for these popular craft programs.

Gamerz Program

The Gamerz program continues to be a huge draw for the teens. The Library has added an additional Playstation II, in addition to the Playstation II donated by Chet Osborne. We also added the popular game Rockband to our current collection, which includes sports games and driving games.

Library Computers

Jerry Devor has installed the new Library Server and it is working well. He is also working on the children's computers, to get a total of 4 children's computers up and running. Elena and Jerry are also in discussion about starting computer classes again. Preparations for a 20 minute email station are being made.

Stacks

Several areas of the collection are very crowded. The staff has been weeding older and unused materials as much as possible. Elena has researched the possibility of adding a new range to provide more room for our materials. She has estimated the cost will be under \$10,000.00 and will provide an exact cost after all estimate work has been completed. Kathleen made a motion to approve buying the range (provided the cost falls below \$10,000.00). Paul seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Friends of the Library

No Friends business to report. The next Friends meeting is scheduled for October 3rd.

Elections

Elections will be postponed until the October 21st meeting. There is currently one vacancy on the Board.

Old Business

There was no old business.

Next Meeting

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

Adjournment

Kathleen made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Paul. The meeting was adjourned at 7:50p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen Hoffecker
Recording Secretary