



Minutes Library Advisory Board March 3, 2008

Minutes of the Library Advisory Board held on March 3, at 7:00 pm, in the Board Room of the Tempe Public Library

(MEMBERS) Present:

Ira King, Chair
Lisa Gudahl
Cyndi Newburn
Dorothy Sisulak, Co-Chair
Kirk Deem
Jeanette Daane

(MEMBERS) Absent:

Lisa Kaiser
Kathy Hayden

City Staff Present:

Teri Metros – Deputy Community Services Manager-Library
Dora Chavez – Admin. Assistant II

Guests Present:

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Ira King called the meeting to order.

Agenda 1 - Consideration of Meeting Minutes, February 4, 2008 (Motion Required)

MOTION: Lisa Gudahl moved to approve the meeting minutes of January 7, 2008,

SECOND: Dorothy Sisulak

DECISION: Motion passed

Agenda 2 - Monthly Activity Reports for December 2007, January, 2008

Teri stated the December stats are indicative of the activity for the first part of the fiscal year. The stats show the usual patterns of increases in electronic database usage, public computer usage, and circ of e formats. The January stats show an increase in door count and program attendance.

Agenda 3 – City of Tempe 2007 Community Attitude Survey

Teri noted that the Board's packet included pages from a recent community attitude survey conducted by ETC Institute. The survey shows the Library doing very well, with 89% stating satisfaction with the quality of library services, 9% were neutral and only 2% were dissatisfied. The residents stated the quality of library services provided is a very important community service for the City to focus on.

Agenda 4 – Library Remodel Update

After presentations held on February 11th, an architectural firm has been selected. The firm is based in Tucson. They have extensive experience in building and remodeling libraries throughout the US. They are known for their modern yet timeless facility designs. The firm will present their proposal to Council on March 24, 2008.

Teri, Tom Canasi and Cheryl Danna have toured several libraries throughout the Valley to view and perhaps incorporate functional design ideas from these libraries to the library remodel plans.

Agenda 5 – Reading Ahoy Program

Teri showed a video on The Reading Ahoy program that is possible through a grant provided by the Gila River Indian Community, issued in 2007. The Tempe Early Childhood Literacy Initiative grant made it possible to purchase educational materials, classes for parents and now a Library card campaign featuring an entertaining video, an ABC treasure map game and new library cards.

Agenda 6 – Live Homework Help Online Program

Teri handed the Board members a packet on Tutor.com. She explained that as a result of a Federal grant, the Library can provide the public with a new online tutoring program through Tutor.com. The live homework help is available Sunday through Thursday, for 4th to 12th grades as well as some introductory college level. The tutors are aware of computer safety and privacy issues and abide by them. Although the service has only been available since February, the stats show that 37 students have used this resource. Advertising is being done through various medias and funding to continue program will be sought.

Agenda 7 – Friends of the Tempe Public Library Report

The Friends received a draft marketing plan prepared by Rita Sanders Agency. Rita made suggestions on how to increase visibility of the Friends in the community, and on setting goals for fundraising. New board members with experience in fund raising bring the Board to another level.

Announcement of Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be on April 7, 2008 at the Tempe Public Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:05 pm.

Prepared by: Dora Chavez, Administrative Assistant II

Reviewed by: Teri Metros, Deputy Community Services Manager - Library

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