

Friends of Henderson Libraries

Minutes March 24, 2015

Board Member attendees: Marian Brown, Julie Buckley, Alexandra Costa, Donna Israelson, Leslie Finzer, Cindy Vallar, Paula Petruso, Bob Collins. Guests: Angela Thornton, Gayle Hornaday, Candace Kingsley, Marcie Smedley, Maura Williams, Joy Gunn.

President Brown called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Minutes of the February meeting were approved as submitted.

Ms. Thornton discussed the "Great Libraries" series to be broadcast on Channel 8 TV in April. Patrons taking "selfies" in the library and sending them to the station can enter a drawing for a Kindle Fire e-reader. Joan Dalusung and Angela will be interviewed for the broadcast. The Henderson Libraries logo will be changed in the fall and will be first introduced to staff on Oct. 2, Staff Day. The Library Board is considering the sale of the Malcolm Library which is expected to sell for \$1.2-1.5 million, close to the original purchase price.

Ms. Brown announced that the Volunteer Appreciation lunch will be held July 16 at a yet to be determined location. She further announced that Library Foundation members will share the use of the computer used by Friends in the ABS Department.

According to Ms. Buckley, the Library Tree Lane committee will finalize their business plan at their next meeting.

Treasurer Costa distributed the February financial reports

Membership Chair Vallar stated that 92 people have renewed their Friends' memberships. Volunteer hours for 2014 exceeded 18,900. She will send information on the Amazon Smiles program to our Constant Contact database. This program allows Amazon users to donate a portion of their purchase to a selected charity such as Friends of Henderson Libraries.

Ms. Finzer reported that book sales at Gibson will take place in May, July and September. She shared news of February book sale revenue: Green Valley book sale \$790.20; Paseo Verde sale: \$2,759.05. Bookstores: Gibson: \$1,271.03; Green Valley: \$1,011.30; Heritage Park \$48.55; Paseo Verde: \$2,105.30. Amazon (net): \$5,205.76, for a total of \$13,191.76 for February.

Ms. Petruso has enough articles for the next newsletter.

Ms. Israelson announced that another Trivia Night will be held at Shakespeare's Pub on April 28. Library staff and Friends will participate. Raffle tickets will be sold for prize baskets with proceeds benefitting Friends.

Gibson staff members Marcie Smedley and Maura Williams requested that teen volunteers who help with book sales at Gibson earn \$25 per sale for their teen activity fund. After much discussion, the Board decided that this reward applies *only* to their assistance for the May, July and September sales, not the occasional mini sales held at that branch. Additionally, Friends will provide gift certificates as prizes for the Summer Reading Challenge: 200 \$5 certificates for adult readers, and 225 \$1 certificates for young readers. The certificates will be distributed among all branches.

Ms. Brown announced the resignation of Historian Chloe Ducharme who has completed our 2013 and 2014 historical summaries. The Board will recruit a new Historian to complete the 2015 document.

Mr. Bobby Ellis has made a recent \$25,000 donation to the library and will be honored at a reception at the Paseo Verde library April 7 at 1:00p.m. Board members are invited to attend. He has been very generous to Henderson Libraries over the years.

The meeting adjourned at 11:05p.m.

For the Board,

Leslie Finzer, Secretary