Tempe

Minutes
Library Advisory Board
September 8, 2008

Minutes of the Library Advisory Board held on September 8, at 7:00 pm, in the Board Room of the Tempe Public Library

(MEMBERS) Present:
Ira King, Chair
Cyndi Newburn
Dorothy Sisulak, Co-Chair
Lisa Gudahl
Kirk Deem
Jeanette Daane

(MEMBERS) Absent:

City Staff Present:
Teri Metros – Deputy Community Services Manager-Library
Dora Chavez – Admin. Assistant II

Guests Present:
Sundt Construction Representative

Meeting convened at 7:00 pm.

Ira King called the meeting to order.

Agenda 1 - Consideration of Meeting Minutes, May 5, 2008 (Motion Required)

MOTION: Kirk Deem moved to approve the meeting minutes of May 5, 2008

SECOND: Lisa Gudahl

DECISION: Motion passed

Agenda 2 - Monthly Activity Reports for June and July 2008.

Teri stated the 2007/2008 year end statistics showed a 6% increase in door count with over one million people visiting the library. The statistics also showed a 1% increase in circulation, a 14% increase in public computer usage and a 14% increase in program attendance.

Teri also mentioned the month of July showed a continued increase in door count, electronic database usage, computer usage as well.

Agenda 3 - Library Remodel Update

Teri showed the Board a PowerPoint presentation on the library remodel project. She informed the Board that everyone was very pleased with the architect's willingness to implement design suggestions provided by staff. Teri commended Engberg Anderson on their ability to interpret the initial concepts and turn them into something dramatically different and exciting. Another public meeting will be held as soon as the schematics are finalized.

Agenda 4 - Summer Reading Program Results

Teri shared statistics on various summer programs held at the Library and Escalante such as: the first Adult Summer reading program, and the children's and teens reading programs. All of the programs were very successful this year in terms of participation and attendance at programs..

Agenda 5 - Mayor's Ad-Hoc Budget Committee Recommendation

A recommendation to increase the Collection Agency fee from $10 to $20 dollars, was approved by the Committee. This change will become effective September 1, 2008.

Agenda 6 - *Libraries Connect Communities: Public Library Funding and Technology Access Study.*

Teri reviewed a recently released study published by the American Library Association. This study highlights the role the library continues to play in providing free access to computers and the internet. It also shows that other libraries are in the same situation regarding flat funding, staffing levels, building infrastructure needs to support technology requirments., etc.

Agenda 7 - Friends of the Tempe Public Library Report

Sam Stratton was re-elected as president for next year. Sam continues to develop the Board. Monthly revenues provided by the Friends book sales average at approximately $4,000.00 per month. The Friends have committed nearly $50,000 in support of the library to Connections Café and Experience Corps. The Library received $16,000 in support of the online Live Homework help tutoring system and the Experience Corps project received $18,000 from the Tempe Diablos, thanks to the support of Friends Executive Board member and Tempe Diablos member, Arnold Davis.

Announcement of Next Meeting

The next Board meeting will be on October 6, 2008 at the Tempe Public Library.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 pm.

Prepared by: Dora Chavez, Administrative Assistant II

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

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