

SUMMARY
Safford City-Graham County Library Advisory Board Meeting
Tuesday, September 4, 2019
Claridge Room of Safford Library
808 S. 7th Ave. Safford, Arizona

The meeting was called to order at 5:15pm by Chairman AnnJi Craig-Wooten.

Voting members present: Chairman AnnJi Craig-Wooten, Secretary Sue Rasmussen, Candy Green, David Morse, Gloria Short and David Sowders.

Voting members absent: Cheryl Christensen(excused) and Brad Hemphill

Non-voting members present: Library Director Victoria Silva

Non-voting members absent: Gene Seale (excused) and Danny Smith

The minutes of the May 14, 2019 meeting were approved as presented.

Due to a recent resignation, there is a vacancy of the Board. Since the term to be filled expires in less than a year, it was decided to have Victoria check with the city to see if the vacancy can be filled without the city having to post the vacancy.

Discussion of the current meeting schedule revealed possible problems for some of the members. The November meeting was moved to the third Tuesday of the month to see if conflicts can be avoided. It will now be on November 19, 2019 at 5:15 pm.

A review of the proposed bylaws resulted in the proposal of several small changes that will be referred to the Policy Committee for further review. The Policy Committee will meet on Tuesday September 17, 2019 at 5:15 pm to work on proposed changes.

The Policy Committee will meet again on October 22, 2019 at 5:15 pm to review the five policies being proposed by Library Director Victoria Silva.

Library Director Victoria Silva presented several challenges in response to a request from the board to gather data on the feasibility of being open more days. She also shared services that are available even when the library is closed.

Much was accomplished during the 2018-19 including the completion of the Early Literacy bathroom, installation of new air conditioning in the lobby, rearrangement of the main floor, transition to a new cataloging software and addition of self-checkout capability. New programs include STEM Family Nights, canning classes and Fun with Math and Science.

Plans for the current budget year include establishing a Free Little Library at La Tierra Park, possible acquisition of Whitespace, having more adult programming, replacing the computer tables and chairs and completing the media room remodel.

In other news, it was reported that ARIZONA@WORK has provided two interns to work in the library during the summer.

Member Candy Green shared some of the programs that were popular with her grandchildren in another library.

The next meeting will be held on November 19, 2019 at 5:25 pm at the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:22 pm.

Submitted by Sue Rasmussen, Secretary