

Cottonwood Public Library Board of Trustees Regular
Meeting 17, March 2009

Present: Jay Fleishman, Joan Lambard, Tyler Harding, Dede Ewald, John O'Neill, Library Director,
Thelma Fisher, Susan Hawley Absent: Liz Fuller, Vanessa Ward, Circulation Supervisor

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

LIBRARY DIRECTORS REPORT: There was a letter to the Editor in the Verde Independent on March 11th that suggested the library reduce staff in order to purchase new material: Any new staff members go through a strict 6 month probationary period of which three recent new hires did not pass. The library's main goal is to serve the public well and all of our current employees have above average employee reports.

OLD BUSINESS: The Youth Services Policy concerning adults without children lingering in the Youth services Area has been written up and will be sent to the City Manager for review upon Board approval. It has been in effect since opening of the expansion area as an administrative directive.

The Volunteer Luncheon will be held at the Public Safety Building on April 19th, 2009 from 12:00pm to 3:00pm. Staff and Board Members should plan to arrive no later than 11:00am to help set up and decorate. Board Members should bring any music they may have in to Vanessa as soon as possible, and will be responsible for providing ice tea, punch and lemonade at the luncheon.

The FY2010 budget will be taking the 5% cuts from last year through the new budget year. So far the city has been able to replace employees that have left and we are optimistic that the library will be able to sustain full staffing. The city won't be giving a Cost of Living increase next fiscal year. The merit program is still in effect but would probably be the first program to go should the economy continue to weaken.

The architect's project manager has added additional chores to the final punch list that Flagstaff Design & Construction must accomplish in order to finalize the expansion project..

NEW BUSINESS: None

YAVAPAI LIBRARY NETWORK UPDATES: None

CORRESPONDENCE: None

PUBLIC COMMENT: None

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: Annual Volunteer Luncheon, FY 2010 Budget

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Griffith