

Minutes of the Cottonwood Public Library Board Meeting, May 16, 2012

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Joan Lombard, Vice-Chairman. In attendance were board members DeDe Ewald, Margo Mitchell, Joan Lombard, Thelma Fisher, Connie Gilmore, and Liz Fuller, also Mary Griffith, the Library Coordinator, and Vanessa Ward, the Library Manager. Chairman, Tyler Harding was absent. Minutes from the meeting of April 18, 2012 were approved as corrected: Betsy instead of Betty Johnston.

The Library Manager, Vanessa Ward, gave the board copies of graphs comparing 2012 to 2011 in the areas of program attendance for preschool, juvenile, young adult and adult; circulation; internet usage; inter-library loans; and volunteers. It was commented that the graphs are easy to read and understand.

Mary Griffith, Library Coordinator gave the board an overview of the Summer Reading Program with a list of special presentations due to take place. Also the staff has put together a new program for children, "Mini Musical Makers" which will feature music and movement.

Old Business: The RFID is going well. Most of the books have tags in them now to allow for self-checkout. The security gates were installed for self-checkout and the program is going forward rapidly.

Vanessa Ward said that she has a meeting to discuss the budget scheduled for next Tues. She also reported on the volunteer fair. She explained that she spoke with many people and received good feedback on the youth services programs. And many of the people hoped the library would once again be open on Monday. Flyers were given to people who would like to volunteer to help in the library.

The board is still working on the library policy. It was requested that the policy with the changes already under consideration be e-mailed to the board for further discussion.

New Business: On June 9, the Manheim Gallery will be hosting a reception for viewing paintings with the theme of books. The proceeds of the art sale will be donated to the library. The public is welcome.

On the third full week in August, the parking lot will be repaved. This will necessitate patrons entering the library from the door on Sixth Street.

The board voted to hold a June Board Meeting. Connie Gilmore moved the meeting be held June 20, 2012 at 4:30. DeDe Ewald seconded the motion and it was unanimously approved. The board felt it necessary to meet to discuss the budget.

Future agenda items are: budget, follow-up on the Mannheim exhibit, any possible changes on the parking lot repaving schedule, the policy manual and the RFID.

Margo Mitchell moved the meeting be adjourned and Joan Lombard seconded. The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.