

Minutes

Meeting of the Farmington Public Library Advisory Board
Farmington Public Library 24 Person Conference Room
Tuesday, August 15, 2023, 4:00 pm

Members present: Barbara Fisher, Richard Brannen, Philana Thompson, Carmen Martinez

Staff present: Megan Bennett (took minutes), Karen McPheeters

Mayor Nate Duckett

- I. Call to order -
 - a. Introduction of new members (no new members to introduce)

- II. Action Items
 - a. Amendments to and/or approval of the minutes of the previous meeting
 - i. Motion to approve: Philana
 - ii. Seconded: Carmen
 - iii. Unanimously approved by all members present
 - b. Mayor Duckett
 - i. Challenge Coin: created to recognize service in the community
 1. City of Farmington seal on one side, image of bluffs on the back
 2. Coins handed out to Board members present; ones for non-present members given to Karen
 - ii. Discussion of programming; MTAC; hours; stats are growing; Summer Reading and Beanstack
 - iii. Mayor: getting people to step up and serve, giving recognition to volunteers
 - c. Policy Review
 - i. Guardian Responsibility
 1. Scott was interested that there are no ages mentioned
 2. Guardianships can be at all ages
 3. Motion to approve: Philana
 4. Seconded: Barbara
 5. Approved unanimously by all present members
 - ii. Patron Confidentiality
 1. Philana: "Definition" – "scope" or "objective" might be better wording ("objective" chosen by Board)
 2. Mentioned First Amendment Auditors – who were very aggressive to staff about the patron confidentiality and privacy via filming. We pulled a still from a video for City Hall; First amendment rights go both ways.
 3. May have to reevaluate this policy in light of our first amendment auditors

4. Motion to accept policy with changes (change definition to objectives): Philana
 5. Second: Carmen
 6. Voted unanimously to accept with changes
- iii. Book Groups To Go
1. Motion to approve: Philana
 2. Seconded: Scott
 3. Voted unanimously to accept as written

III. Information Items

- a. Library Director's Report (items i-vii were while the Mayor was here)
- i. Request for reconsideration; keeping an eye on what is happening in Rio Rancho; really hard, as what one person thinks is appropriate, another does not; will have core books; something offensive to everyone; moving a book to another part of the library never works (see "explicit" label on music); have had a request for reconsideration: It's Perfectly Normal (JNF book on sex), been on banned books list before; 2000 public libraries, been here for almost 20 years with no complains, gotten good reviews (Kirkus, et al), part of the H W Wilson Core Collection; Book will stay, patron has option to go to the Board since book is not being moved.
 - ii. Open meetings act: must be reaffirmed every year. People attend based on the agenda.
 - iii. Lots of organizations are having trouble getting volunteers and their events are being effected. Service is critical.
 - iv. Barbara: There needs to be a volunteer bulletin of sorts – help people find out about it; often find out about things later (farmingtonnm.org is a good resource for that)
 - v. Book Sale: definitely happening, lots of items, people giving large donations of books, one patron has donated over 1800 items
 - vi. Smart Money grant; Iconic America grant; lots of guest speakers
 - vii. 20th anniversary event – lot of history; get people to stop saying "the new library;" photos, plans,
 - viii. Book challenge: restarted time clock
 - ix. Books are still available here in the library
 - x. Books have been miscataloged and that has been fixed before.
 - xi. We do our research when a book has a reconsideration policy submitted, confident in our decision making process.
 - xii. If kids are looking for information, they will find it, having good-quality information easily available helps
 - xiii. Smart Money (\$50,000, 2 years) : will have regular programs, want people to make smart decisions, looking for partners for the programs
 - xiv. Financial training and homelessness training

IV. New Business

- a. Volunteer information for the Book Sale is going through Ruth
 - i. Specifically need volunteers to help with money

V. Adjourn

- a. Next meeting is Tuesday, October 17, 2023

Approved by board on October 17, 2023

Ruth B... President 10/17/23

Name Title Date

Neddie Foster Vice President 10/17/23

Name Title Date