

**PALM SPRINGS LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 19TH 2021
MEETING MINUTES**

Present: Chairman Michelle Dunlap, Board Members, Lenore Dirienzo, Karen Gebo, Robin Hughes, Library Director Jossie Maliska, and Administrative Assistant Claudia Ruiz

The meeting was called to order at 6:45 P.M. by Chairman Michelle Dunlap.

Approval of Agenda

Robin Hughes made motion to approve. Lenore Dirienzo seconded the motion; the motion carried.

Minutes

Karen Gebo made motion to approve. Lenore Dirienzo seconded the motion; motion carried.

Library Director's Report

- The Hispanic Heritage Month was held, and we had 100+ residents that attended.
- The Mock Meeting with Palm Springs Middle School was Tuesday October 12th. The new Interim Village Manager, with all the department heads attended. Staff worked with the student council group, about 25 students. This event was in person this year, staff gave a presentation and spoke about each position and what their job responsibilities are. At the Village Council Meeting we received our Proclamation for Florida City Government Week. The students will be attending the next Council Meeting on November 18th and participate.
- The Immigration and Citizenship presentation went well, we had people that came in and other that joined virtually. The Attorney was able to answer a lot of questions. We are thinking about doing something like this quarterly because there is a need for it. The presentation was recorded and will be available to view.
- Read for the Record, we are almost done with the video. Village staff will be going out to the schools on October 28th. The video will be available for more than the 24hours we had last year, it will on Facebook and on the village website. This year it was hard to get copies of the book, staff called the Literacy Coalition and luckily, we received 10 copies and 3 Spanish books. The shortage is what is making it hard to obtain books. The video features Council Members and the new Interim Village Manager as well. Staff will go in person to Palm Springs Elementary, Kirklane Elementary, St Luke's School, and a couple of daycares in the area. The Video will be posted on the 28th.
- Trunk or Treat Fall Festival will be Thursday and library staff will be out there promoting our services. The event will be in the library parking lot, vendors and food trucks will be here. The winner of the Umbrella Art program (STEAM program) will be announced that night.
- Joseph Fallon Scholarship is being worked on. The letters are getting updated to go out to the schools with the application. A donation was received from Joseph Fallon's sister of ten thousand dollars. Joseph Fallon's family realized how in need students were and wanted to help. Therefore, this year's Scholarship funds will me more.

- STEAM grant is being worked on; they changed the grant information. Before they had it that if you didn't use the six thousand dollars the first year you would lose it, and then the following year the available grant dollars would be declining. Now they made it, where the fifteen thousand are available for the four-years. This is great news for us, and we are happy about it. We are actively working on other grants. As far as the State Aide grant, unfortunately we don't qualify for it anymore, because The Library Director does not have an MLS. Since it has been declining so much over the past few years, the Village Manager felt that we can find the funding in other grants.
- The new Interim Village Manager approved one of our Library Associate positions, so that position along with a part time position will be posted shortly.

Unfinished Business

N/A

New Business

N/A

Miscellaneous

- The library is open again, we started in a small phase by limiting 1-hour but starting tomorrow we will allow patrons to stay longer, and the study rooms will be available again. The operating hours are the same.
- The Village has a new Interim Village Manager, Michael Bornstein.
- We need Library Board Members, so if you know of anyone let them know to apply. We need two more members, and they must reside in Palm Springs.
- The Friends of the library are also looking for members. Interested individuals can contact Joanne Moniger.
- Hoopla Digital streaming services and tutor.com were mentioned in the newspaper.

Public Comment

- N/A

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be November 16th, 2021, at 6:30 p.m.

Adjournment

Michelle Dunlap motion to adjourn meeting. Robin Hughes seconded motion: meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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