

Silver City Public Library Community Advisory Group
4:00 PM, Wednesday, January 8, 2020 at 4pm in Library

Present: Ted Lynn, Ken Dayer, Mike Dowd,
Judy Brown-Lawson and Anthony Chiaviello

Absent: David Krisch and Lynda Aiman-Smith

Public/Guests: Amy (She did not want to give her last name.)

cc: Friends of the library contact,
Katherine Feist

Call to order at 4:00

Approval of Agenda Approved by Affirmation

Approval of Minutes from November 13, 2019 meeting Approved by Affirmation

Public Input N/A

Reports

- A. Memorial Report – Ken noted there is \$100,143.18 in the account, and \$965 was spent on furniture for the Young Adult room.
- B. Friends of the Library Report – Monthly sale on Market Street will be on January 11th. Sales have been good to this point.
- C. Foundation Report – Ted reported that there is \$676,871.48 in the accounts. Money has been spent on several projects. Amy suggested that the money be saved and built up to build a new library.

D. Librarian's Report

Programs – The library is doing less programs due to staffing shortages.

Building – Southern State Electric will begin installing the solar panels on Monday, January 13th and should be finished by the end of the week as long as there are no unforeseen issues.

Staffing – The Library is fully staffed as of December 30th when the Children's and Young Adult Librarian started. Time will still be needed for training the recent hires.

Old Business

Update on various projects. As previously mentioned, the solar project will start on January 13th. At the Foundation meeting, I will seek the okay to get estimates for replacing the doors on College and Cooper Streets. Due to tariffs, the prices have changed for the parts.

New Business

Accounts by location: Currently the Library issues cards to residents of Grant, Catron, Hidalgo and Luna Counties. The legal service area for the Library is the Town of Silver City; however, to receive state money we are required to give accounts/services to residents of Grant County.

One approach to determine if we will give accounts/services to residents outside of Grant County is to look at where each County spends money. The Library is funded by gross receipts tax (sales tax). Residents of Catron County are most likely to spend their money in Silver City as shopping is limited in Catron County. Residents of Hidalgo County are most likely to spend in Deming or Las Cruces. Residents of Luna County are most likely to spend their money in Deming. It might be okay to issues accounts to residents of other counties if they are contributing to the local tax base.

Due to the remoteness of the region, there are some geographical oddities to consider. Residents living near the Cliff Dwellings and the Gila Hot Springs can either be living in Grant or Catron County depending upon where the county line boundary is located. For patrons living in Catron County, if denied accounts here in Silver City, would have to drive to Glenwood for accounts. People living in Kingston and Hillsboro (Sierra County) can find that timewise Silver City is as close as Truth or Consequences.

Visitor cards can be created for residents outside of Grant County or temporary visitors staying in RVs or Bed-and-Breakfasts. There is a need for visitor's cards for the temporary visitors/tourists to Silver City as they are frequent and might stay for several weeks and want books to read. Due to financial reasons, we are not able to issue regular cards to visitors as there are too many. Visitor's cards would limit the number of checkouts from a max of twenty to something less (perhaps 5), and not allow access to ILLs and high demand electronic items like hotspot devices.

How many accounts holders are there from other counties? A handout was given from older data, 7-10 years ago with these numbers. Updated numbers will be given out at the next meeting. Is the number significant enough or is the number low enough so as not to be perceived as a problem.

Setting of next meeting date – February January 12, 2020 at 4pm

Adjournment by Affirmation