



MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **ROLL CALL**

Members Present:

Member Elizabeth Alarid
Member Brecken Larson
Library Director Margaret Neill
Member Flavian Mark Lupinetti
Member Janet Gilchrist
Member Adele Oliveira

Members Excused:

Member Marie Schow
Member Sarah Jacobs
Member Rebecca Phillips

Others Attending:

Maura Gentry, Clerk

3. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Approval of April 18, 2023 minutes.
5. **PUBLIC COMMENT**
6. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT**
 - a. Margaret Neill, Library Director
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You all received the narrative report - If you have any questions, please let me know.

HVAC is completed and working!!



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Dia de Los Ninos did very well.

Major updates:

The library branch manager position is sort of filled – it is a weird beaureaucratic workaround to ensure pay parity. They will be serving as interim until the new fiscal year.

We began interview for the Southside librarian position that has been vacant – hopefully we will have a decision by the end of next week. We are heading into our busiest season, so we are eager to have those positions filled. I will hopefully back at Main by the end of May.

Here at Main the sidewalk buckling has been fixed on Marcy St.
I don't have an update on the historic assessment, so that is still in the works.

No new fires at La Farge, but the pool attached to La Farge has been full of furniture and books, etc. The books were discarded, and then exposed to the elements for many years. After 7 months of work on Maura's part, they have been disposed of. The total was 26 tons – 6 containers worth. There are more books in another City location, but we are not responsible for those. We moved these with the help of the Fire Department and Environmental Services Department. There was some concern that the public would be worried about the book removal, but no one asked and we'd be happy to show them what they looked like if they did. We have redone our collection development policy to have a clear plan for how books will be discarded in the future. The biggest piece of this is my statutory authority to dispose of books – which is not something that I encountered in Las Cruces. The City doesn't realize that there is a statute that gives the library Director that authority. They had given that authority to purchasing when they did not have to. The books in the basement will likely be recycled, given to the Friends, or given them to sustainable shelves where we "sell" the books back. We will be setting up that process to clear those out.

Member Alarid – going forward, will books be stored in the pool again?

Director Neill – No!

I also got IT to agree to remove the tech from Main and Southside, so that's some progress as well.

Our youth librarians are gearing up for our biggest season – Summer Reading registration kickoff is May 30th. We have prizes for kids, teens, and adults.



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We will be doing a lot for the Literary Festival for this weekend – Jess Gulliford is working some events and we are sponsoring some programs.

We will be participating in Pride in June and are sponsoring a Drag Queen Story Time.

7. PRESIDENT'S REPORT

- a. Elizabeth Alarid, Vice President
Standing in for Marie Schow, President
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No report.

8. NEW BUSINESS

Update on Rio Rancho – the folks came back. The city council was affirming the library's collection development policy, and affirmed the ALA's Freedom to Read statement. That initiative passed. The group threatened to drown them in paperwork, but the council shut that down.

Pride – Member Oliveira – is there a contingency plan for blow back about the drag queen story time?

Director Neill – We placed it at the event on the plaza rather than in the library, and we also did a background check on the performer. We can answer their concerns with facts, but oftentimes that doesn't really matter.

Member Lupinetti – Was their objection to specific books?

Yes, and all of them were LGBTQIA specific books for adults. They claim that it's for the children, but they are adult books.

Member Alarid – that's interesting that they were adult books – mostly it has been focused on YA and children's books, right?



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Yes. You also have to go and find the book and read it. If parents want to have that level of control, they should watch their children.

We have covered as many of our bases as we can.

9. **OLD BUSINESS**

10. **NEXT MEETING: June 20 2023**

Next meeting June 20th, 2023
Hopefully at Fogelson.

11. **ADJOURN**


Liaison


Chair