



**MINUTES**

**LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD  
VELMA TEAGUE LIBRARY  
7010 N. 58TH AVENUE  
GLENDALE, ARIZONA 85301**

**JANUARY 10, 2024  
6:00P.M.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chair Kocur called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL**

Present: Diane Kocur, Chair  
Gary Johnson, Board Member  
Haydee Kukowski, Board Member  
Theresa Fowler, Board Member  
Meegan Tosh, Board Member

Also Present: Michael Beck, Chief Librarian  
Dawn Ferro, Library Administrator  
Ivy Jarvis, Librarian  
Esther Peneff, Administrative Support Specialist

**3. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

None.

**4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES**

Board Member Kukowski moved, Board Member Tosh made the second, to approve the December 13, 2023, Library Advisory Board minutes as written.  
Motion Carried 5 – 0.

**5. NEW BUSINESS**

**a. ANNUAL ARIZONA SONGWRITERS MINI-FEST PROGRAM INFORMATION**

Ms. Jarvis gave a presentation on the 27th Arizona Songwriters Gathering, which included the following information:

- History of the event
- Date: Saturday, January 27 at the Glendale Main Library from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- The event is for all ages and is for showcasing, sharing of music, networking, and more.
- There will be over 120 ten-minute performances on five stages.
- Music organizations and businesses will also have exhibit tables.
- There will be two food trucks.
- Promotional handouts were provided.

Mr. Beck complimented Ms. Jarvis on her hard work in coordinating the event.

[Ms. Jarvis excused herself from the meeting after the presentation.]

**b. VELMA TEAGUE LIBRARY TOUR**

Mr. Beck and Ms. Ferro conducted a walking tour of the library.

**6. CHIEF LIBRARIAN UPDATE**

Mr. Beck reported the following:

- The weeding parties at the libraries are mostly complete and this has created open space.
- The grant cycle is underway and there will be upcoming agenda items to present to the Board.
- Board Member Kukowski's Board term is ending, and her service is appreciated.

Mr. Beck announced that he will be leaving the City of Glendale for the position of Library Director at the City of Scottsdale. He said that Glendale has been very near and dear to his heart and working with the Board, the City administration, and the library staff has meant a lot to him. He thanked Ms. Kazmierczak for her service as recorder. He said it has been a true pleasure and thanked the City of Glendale and the Board.

**7. BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS AND SUGGESTIONS**

Board Member Tosh said Mr. Beck will be missed.

Chair Kocur said she has learned a lot about the library, she was impressed by all that was done by staff, and the public should be made aware of how the library funds are so carefully used. She said there was such wise leadership at the library and noted that this was due to Mr. Beck's leadership.

Board Member Kukowski congratulated Mr. Beck on his new opportunity. She thanked staff for giving the Board a great experience. She said she learned a lot and thanked the other Board members.

Board Member Johnson congratulated Mr. Beck. He said it was an honor and privilege to work with Mr. Beck and Board Member Kukowski.

Chair Kocur said it was a privilege to work with Mr. Beck and said he treated the Board like important people. She said she appreciated his direction and that he will be a hard act to follow.

**8. NEXT MEETING**

The next regular meeting of the Library Advisory Board will be held on February 14, 2024, at 6:00 p.m. in the Large Meeting Room of the Main Library, located at 5959 W. Brown St., Glendale, Arizona, 85302.

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Board Member Johnson moved, Board Member Tosh made the second, to adjourn the meeting at 6:42 p.m.

Motion Carried 5-0

The Library Advisory Board meeting minutes of January 10, 2024 were submitted and approved this 14th day of February 2024.

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Esther Peneff for Denise Kazmierczak, Accuracy Solutions  
Recording Secretary