

Minutes of WELCOME Meeting
held at Lake Havasu City Branch Library,
on Tuesday, December 2, 2008 at 9:30 AM

PRESENT: Mary Roberts, President, Robert Shupe, (Past President), Cindy Amador, (Secretary), Mary Cannon-James, (Public Relations), Bev Clouse, Christine Lupien, Barbara Patterson.

APOLOGIES: Stella Carlzen, Julie Huelsbeck, Kathy McGehee.

WELCOME:

Meeting was called to order by President, Mary Roberts at 9:47 am.

Disposition of the Agenda - Robert added Status of Adult Literacy Services in Mohave County to the agenda.

Adoption of Minutes of September 09, 2008 meeting.

Roxanne Wells desire to form a grant writing team made up of organizations throughout the region was added to the minutes.

Minutes of the WELCOME meeting held September 09, 2008 were then approved.

Adoption of Financial Report:

Corporation Commission dues have been paid. Hastings check for \$1,281.58 was deposited. Hastings had previously earmarked the funds be given to the Bullhead City literacy council which are now defunct. Mary suggested the funds be donated to WELCOME. A motion was moved and seconded to approve the financial report.

Website Status Report:

Bruce Stedwell, as reported previously, is still currently willing to make our website changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

A. By-Laws update: Current By-Laws state the honorary chairperson be a member of the local community; a business partner is not mandatory. Pete Byers may be interested in the position of honorary chairperson. Les Byron was mentioned, as was Kathy Hodel. It was thought that one from each community would be ideal, but current by-laws state *chairperson*. It was discussed that when revising the by-laws the number of chair persons remains open-ended. Robert will add this to the next meeting's agenda. However, we can still pursue these people to see if they are interested in the positions.

B. Purchase for LHC Literacy Group:

Christine received the purchases made by Roger from Baker & Taylor. These items are now available for any literacy council.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Honorary Chairperson Update:

In addition to the conversation about the by-laws under Old Business, it was discussed that the by-laws could be worded to have 15 members of the board elected, in addition to as many chairpersons as we deem necessary. Mary will pursue Hastings and Robert will wait until the first of the year to contact Pete Byers, Les Byron and Dan Hargrove. Cindy will ask Bonnie Campbell about her retired friend Kathy ? It was later decided that we will wait to approach our suggestions for honorary chair persons until we finish redefining ourselves and our goals. It was suggested to bring a copy of the current by-laws to the next meeting.

B. Speaking Circuit List of Organizations:

Robert stated we may be premature in this endeavor. Since we are in the midst of redefining ourselves, we need to have a budget, goals, etc. Robert suggested we table this project and at the next meeting plan to work on specific goals and a budget. He will also be asking for funds for KABAM at the next meeting. A motion to table the speaking circuit endeavor until we discuss our goals was made and seconded. Also noted was as we redefine ourselves, our fiscal year and elections should be included in this discussion.

C. Status of Adult Literacy Services in Mohave County:

Robert reported that during the county budget session he had requested a full time Literacy Coordinator which was denied. However, a person can work in this capacity as a volunteer. Robert approached Sue Mac Michael who is retired, if she was interested. He asked her to prepare a report about literacy services in Mohave County and define what a coordinator would do. Sue completed this assignment and her report was distributed. Robert stated he will pursue a grant for this position for the Mohave County Libraries and he hopes WELCOME will be a partner in this endeavor. Sue has worked intimately with KABAM. M. Roberts asked for an electronic version of her report.

Literacy Council Reports:

Kingman Literacy Council update:
No report.

Lake Havasu City Literacy Council update:
Christine currently had 25 tutors with 28 students. She has students on a waiting list. She held training for new tutors in September/October with six participants.

During Celebrate Literacy Month, Christine had a table at the Library with various literacy materials and a sign up sheet for potential tutors. Five signed up to become tutors and three

persons requested tutoring. She prepared a proclamation and was photographed with our Mayor, but nothing appeared in our local newspaper. She participated in our Community Health Fair at the Aquatic Center in October. This resulted in a number of perspective sign ups for tutors in Bullhead City and Fort Mohave. She participated in the United Way fund raiser.

They will be holding their annual Christmas party later in the month. Tutors, students and guests are invited. Attendance averages about 60 people. Christine received \$536.80 from Hastings which was down from last year.

ROUNDTABLE:

Robert was floored by the number of architects that submitted proposals for the Bullhead City Library expansion. He reported that the 34 proposals submitted was an official county record.

Bev reported that the Kingman Library has no vacancies at the moment. She is now on the museum committee within KABAM. A quilt was given to the museum on behalf of KABAM. The committee meets at the museum.

Barbara Patterson - no report.

Cindy stated the Lake Havasu City Branch Library has one part time clerk vacancy. During the rains, more leaks were discovered in the library. She reported that Bonnie Campbell seems to have recovered fully from her fall.

Mary Cannon-James reported the bond referendum did not pass. Therefore, the budget is frozen, any new vacancies must be justified and participation in WELCOME may be questionable. They have started using conference calls for staff meetings. During the holiday season, December 12 through January 6, the library will be open Monday through Thursday from 8-5.

Mary Roberts reported a website to teach English as a second language can be found at USALearns.org. The Bullhead City High School Legacy Foundation gave the Bullhead City Friends of the Library \$5,000 towards the purchase of medical and related materials.

NEXT MEETING:

The next WELCOME meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at the Kingman Public Library at 9:30 am.

CONCLUSION:

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:25 am.

Respectfully submitted by
Cindy Amador
Secretary