

Friends of the Mohave County Library-Kingman
2009 Annual Membership Meeting and Volunteer Recognition
Thursday, November 12, 2009
Library Program Room

1. The meeting was called to order with a warm welcome by President Lori Chambers. Attending the meeting: Patti Whiting, Karla Kay, Marci Bicknell, Lori Chambers, Lyndal Byram, Janice Westfall, Sue West, Bev Clouse, Rita Cownie, Ron Bowen, Jonas Christner, Jane Havern, Jane Harnett, David Street, Gene Lehr, John DelMonoco, Barbara Sorensen, Lou Sorensen, Julie Huelsbeck, Kathy Cook, Janet Watson, Sandi Minkler, Rena Dreisen, Sharon Schwartzlose, Margaret Daw, James Gaily, Jane Lawrence, Jane Zion, Susie Leam and JoAnn Patterson.
2. Lori spoke about the various FOL accomplishments in 2009, emphasizing the Books for Babies program. She explained the program's change from directly providing packets for the newborn's mother at the KRMC maternity ward, to providing a gift certificate instead. The purpose is to encourage the new parents to come to the library with their gift certificates and obtain the free packets at the library. The FOL Board believes that this is a better way to encourage new parents to use the library and encourage them to read to their babies.

Janet Watson, City of Kingman Vice Mayor and City Council Member spoke about her commitment to the Friends. Janet has been a member of the FOL for many years, volunteered at the book sales and advocates for the library. She advised the members that the new fiscal year would be difficult for the City of Kingman and there may be some question by the council members about the grant funds to the Friends. She assured the attendees that she would strongly advocate for the funding, as she believes in the importance of the library and that \$10,000. is a small percentage of the overall city budget. She stated that it would cost the City of Kingman much more to run a City library, than the amount of their grant money. Janet promised to keep the FOL advised of the status of the grant funds once the city's budget process begins. President Lori Chambers assured Janet, that should the funds become endangered, the FOL would mobilize and inform the Kingman City Council of the importance of the contributions the money provides to the citizens of the city.

Jim Gaily, a FOL and Elks member thanked the FOL for the donations of unsold books to their organization. The books are then donated to the Prescott Veteran's Hospital. The books are ones that have gone through a few sales and do not get sold. Due to lack of space in the storage shed and the influx of new donations, Book Sorter Karla Kay goes through the materials and clears them out, by donating them to the Elks and other nonprofit organizations.

President Chambers discussed some goals for the 2010 year. She is concerned about getting some needed committees started, such as building, membership and fundraising. She also spoke about the dream of the FOL to have their own building, where the books could be stored and sold. Lori also brought up the need for a locking storage cabinet for the FOL, to store office and Books for Babies supplies. JoAnn Patterson made the motion to purchase a locking storage cabinet, not to exceed \$500.00. Karla Kay seconded the motion and all the Board members approved.

3. JoAnn Patterson presented the October 19, 2009 Board minutes for review and approval. There were no corrections. Karla Kay motioned to approve the minutes as presented and Janice Westfall seconded the motion. All Board members approved. Jo also reminded everyone that the 2008 Annual Membership Meeting minutes were approved at the January 2009 Board meeting. The minutes are in the meeting packets for the members to read at their pleasure.
4. Karla Kay reminded everyone of the Book Finders benefit for all the FOL members. It's a good way to obtain missing copies of your favorite author or materials on your favorite subject, as Karla and a volunteer are the ones that receive and sort all the donations.

Karla walked the membership through the 2009 YTD financial reports, showing the revenue and expenditures of the FOL.

Karla presented the 2010 Budget to the entire membership for review and discussion. There were no questions. Lori Chambers motioned to accept the 2101 Budget as presented. Janet Watson seconded the motion and the entire membership approved. The 2010 Budget is as follows:

Revenue

Friends Contributions	\$ 8,000.00
Used Book Sales	\$ 11,100.00
Book Cart Sales	\$ 5,000.00
Memberships	\$ 1,000.00
Donations	
Interest	\$ 400.00
Special Projects	\$ 1,500.00
City Grant Monies	\$ 10,000.00
Youth Services	
Building Fund	
<u>Totals</u>	\$ 37,000.00

Expenses

Books for Babies Program	\$ 1,500.00
General Program	\$ 5,000.00
City Grant Monies	\$ 10,000.00
Friend's Books	\$ 8,000.00
Furniture	\$ 3,000.00
Magazines	
Operating Expenses /Sales	\$ 1,000.00
Special Projects	\$ 500.00
Advertising	\$ 500.00
Youth Services	\$ 6,000.00
Youth Services transfers	
Checking to CD Transfers	
Friend's Office/Legal	\$ 500.00
Friend's Promotional	\$ 1,000.00
<u>Totals</u>	\$ 37,000.00

5. Karla presented the Membership report as of 10/31/09. Currently there are 312 households or 395 individual members that are current on their dues. The FOL has reached 56% of their goal for new memberships. The goal was to add 100 new members every year and we have fallen short this year.
6. Janet Westfall, Nominating Committee Chairperson opened the floor up to additional nominations for the 2010 Board positions. The Nominating Committee met on November 5th and the following people were nominated. Lori Chambers was nominated for President. Janice Westfall was nominated for 1st Vice President.

Ron Bowen was nominated for 2nd Vice President. Karla Kay was nominated for Treasurer. JoAnn Patterson was nominated for Secretary. There were no additional nominations. Janice instructed everyone to use the ballots in their meeting packets to cast their vote. After a break, while Janice collected and counted the ballots, she announced that all the nominated persons had been voted in. Welcome to Ron Bowen, the new member. The Board gave a huge 'Thank You' to two departing members who chose not to run again. Lyndal Byram was the 2009 2nd Vice President and Julia Selleck was the Treasurer. Lyndal has stated she will continue to help with publicity and Julia sent a message that she will continue handling the FOL website.

7. Beverly Clouse, Kingman Librarian, presented the Volunteer Recognition awards. The winners of the awards were selected by the Annual Membership Meeting and Volunteer Recognition Committee. The first was the "Lifetime Membership Award" presented to Sharon Schwartzlose and Anne Cherry. Both ladies have been volunteering and working on the Book Sales for many years, resulting in many hours of service. The second was the "Volunteer of the Year" award, presented for the highest number of volunteer hours. The awards were given to Stan Major and Virginia Buckel. The "Rookie of the Year" award was presented to Jane Havern, for her willingness to take over the Book Sale Chairperson position and learning on the run. This is a difficult position, as the Chair must be present during each book sale, over see the set up and break down of the sale and oversee the volunteers. Our special thanks to Sharon Schwartzlose for handling this position for years and helping Jane learn the "ropes". Beverly passed out the "Outstanding Volunteer" awards to the many members who donated their hours and time during this past year.
8. Lori Chambers thanked everyone for attending and announced the next Board meeting to be held on December 15th at 9:30 a.m. in the Kingman Library. She encouraged everyone to attend.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 p.m.