Silver City Public Library Community Advisory Group  
4:00 PM, Wednesday, Oct 9, 2019 at 4pm in Library

Present: Ted Lynn, Ken Dayer, Mike Dowd, Lynda Aiman-Smith, Judy Brown-Lawson, Anthony Chiaviello
Absent: David Krisch
Public/Guests: NA
c: Friends of the library contact, Katherine Feist

Call to order at 4:07 - welcome to new member Anthony Chiaviello and re-welcome returning member Judy Brown-Lawson

Approval of Agenda Approved by Affirmation
Approval of Minutes from Sept 11, 2019 meeting Approved by Affirmation
Public Input NA

Reports

A. Memorial Report – Ken noted there is over $99,000 in the account, more furniture expenditures coming up
B. Friends of the Library Report – sales on the back shelf did quite well in September 2019
C. Foundation Report – have close to $700K in investments, about $50K locally for disbursing checks.
D. Librarian’s Report

Building – inspection had some technical difficulties because of design and previous construction, hope is we are close to resolution of roof inspection. There will be an estimate of the gravel taken off of the roof. Finished thermostat replacement, and they are working! The door in the YA room went up on Sept 28, and some touch up is going on. The staff will set up a gaming system, and going open the YA room on Wed 10/10/2019.

Staffing: Hiring is a priority. Sometimes programs are cancelled in order to interview. There is a first choice candidate for one of the positions, and a bit of a Town process will need to take place before any offer goes out. There are upcoming interviews for a librarian clerk, Ken is hoping that position can be filled within the month. This led to some interesting discussion about how the current Library Science educational market is interacting with small town libraries.
The Advisory Group members made sure to offer themselves as volunteers.

Old Business
Update on various projects (e.g. doors, YA room, roof, solar) – Projects are moving – the roof project and the YA room are the current focus.

Recruiting potential members – Next Advisory Group members must be Silver City residents – All – talk up the Advisory Group whenever you are at an event, party, etc.

New Business
Accounts and Circulation Policy - fines and fees. Ken Dayer gave background on how the current policies regarding Checking Out and Circulation. He explained that the fees are embedded in policies, and so currently any fee change means a full policy change. He discussed how currently replacements are calculated based on market price of books. There can be some surprises though – an example is replacement costs of audio books, some of which are pretty pricey. One of the things to look at is a shift in policy to allow patrons replace a lost book with one they bought – what sort of requirements and decision criteria would need to be put in place to use that process.

Setting of next meeting date – Nov 13, 2019 at 4pm

Adjournment by Affirmation