

Friends of the Paonia Library Board

Annual Meeting Minutes April 20, 2024

I. Call Meeting to Order

Major called the meeting to order at 3:00 pm.

Present: Laura Major, Lesandre Holiday, Judy Livingston, Dave Weber, Pamela Stephens, Marjorie True, Larry Beezley, Jane Schulz, John Schulz

Guests: Carl Smith, LaDonna Gunn

II. District Manager's Report

LaDonna Gunn presented the 2023 Annual Report. Everyone agreed the new infographic format is outstanding. Gunn also provided ten years of data for all Delta County Libraries.

Library visits, programs, and Summer Reading Program (SRP) have rebounded since Covid, but have not yet returned to their peak 2019 numbers. Active library users are on the rise. Computer use is declining due to the ubiquity of smart phones, as are circulation of printed books (though still at 50%). Ebooks and eaudio are on the rise.

Gunn also spoke briefly about the Makers' Space at the new Delta Library. Industrial sewing machines, 3D printers, and all the equipment needed to design marketing materials are in place. Grants and gifts of tools to equip the woodshop, metal fabrication, welding labs are underway.

III. Library Manager's Report

Carl Smith spoke of Science, Tech, Engineering, Mathematics (STEM) programming which teaches critical thinking, not just meeting the state testing standards. The Summer Reading Program (SRP) also effectively combats the 'summer slide' in reading and literacy. Smith wants Paonia's SRP numbers to increase by 10-20%. Adults are also invited to participate.

IV. Treasurer Report

Weber gave a brief rundown of the finances and encouraged everyone to perform random acts of kindness, as our Friends group has received from donors.

V. Landscaping

Major let members know that the landscaping along the front of the building will be removed and redesigned to address drainage issues. Excavators are invited to bid on the job.

VI. The meeting adjourned at 4:26 pm, and we proceeded to potluck.

Respectfully submitted,
Lesandre Holiday, Secretary