

**PHOENIX PUBLIC LIBRARY DISTRICT
MINUTES
AUGUST 7, 2025 – 6:00 P.M.**

The meeting was called to order by President, Martina Mahaffey at 6:05pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: MAHAFFEY, LOGGINS, PROCTOR-HARRIS, DUDLEY AND WELLS

MEMBERS ABSENTS: HARPER

Prayer - Proctor-Harris

Public Comment- None

MINUTES: A motion was made by Proctor-Harris and seconded by Loggins to approve the July 10, 2025, minutes with corrections. (Vote: 5-0-0 (Ayes: Proctor-Harris; Mahaffey; Loggins; Dudley/Absent: Harper)

CORRESPONDENCE – None

LIBRARY DIRECTOR REPORT –

- IPLAR completed.
- State Comptroller Report Completed
- Mi-Jack is needed for the phone (this will be covered under the technology grant),
- 4-IPads were purchased
- Audio Books purchased.
- Door Counter purchased.
- Total Patrons for the Month
 - We need people coming in and out on a monthly basis.
- Sumer Program – The board needs feedback.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT- No Report this month

FINANCE REPORT

- **Equalization Grant** – Received
- **Per Capita Grant** – Has not been received yet.
- **Library Account:**
 - Beginning Balance as of Aug 7th - \$20,475.87 (including funds from technology grant-\$6,161.80)
 - Bills paid totaling: \$7,770.15.
 - Technology grant purchases totaling: \$217.11

A motion was made by Proctor-Harris and seconded by Dudley to approve the finance report. The vote passed 5-0-0 (Ayes: Mahaffey, Proctor-Harris, Loggins, Dudley and Wells/ Harper Absent).

OLD BUSINESS

- **Back-to-School the Safe way Fair** – We will receive the following donations:
 - Sterling- 50 book bags.
 - UIC Chance Program - school supplies for 100 students.
 - Rep Davis 30 book bags.
 - Top Ladies and Top Teen-SSCC – Gift Cards

- Rise Rankin and Mrs. Victor – Gift Cards
- Park District – Face Painter
- Bouncy House
- ComEd – Light Bulbs
- **Vendors**
 - South Holland School Dist. 151
 - South Suburban College
 - South Suburban College Barber Truck
- **Board Members Donations:**
 - Mahaffey – Hot Dogs and Buns
 - Proctor-Harris – Water
 - Dudley/Loggins – Chips
 - Harper = Balloons
 - Wells – Condiments/Napkins

The following items will be purchased out of the library account: Charcoal, lighter fluid, and foil.

Wells will send an email to the board regarding the set-up for the event, along with a reminder of their donations.

We will ask the Top Teens to monitor the bouncy house. It was suggested that thank you cards be sent to all our sponsors.

- **Coolidge Alumni Reunion – Sneaker Ball Reunion Gala/October 25th at 6pm., Featuring: Just Us Band, cash bar.**
 Tour of Coolidge – Saturday, Oct 24th / 10am-12pm
 The flyer will be changed to include: “All Class Reunion” and the cost of the t-shirts.
 The “Cash-App card was received and put on the back of the invitation.

NEW BUSINESS: Ms. Andrea Paxton, Co-Founder of Chamber of Commerce and Illinois Black Wall Street, spoke to the board about how she can work with the library to obtain grants.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:54pm