

**LOS ALAMOS COUNTY**  
**LIBRARY BOARD**  
**Draft Minutes**  
**August 6th, 2018**

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**Members present:**

Jennifer Baker (Chair)  
Rebecca Rodriguez  
Megan Fox

**Members absent:**

Ginny White  
Tim Langworthy (Vice Chair)

**Council Liaison:** Susan O'Leary (not present)

**Others present:** Gwen Kalavaza, Assistant Library Manager. Eva Jacobson, Administrative Support

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**1. Call to Order**

Chair Baker called the meeting to order at 5:37pm at Mesa Public Library

**2. Public comment/correspondence (for items not on the agenda):** Comment cards and Youth Summer Reading Program survey were reviewed.

**3. Board Business**

**A. Review and approval of the minutes of June 19th 2018 special meeting.**

**Motion: Board member Rodriguez moved to approve the minutes as written. Board member Fox seconded. The motion was approved with all in favor. (3/0)**

**4. Chair and Board Members' Reports**

**A. Chair's Report:** No report

**B. Board, Commission and Committee Luncheon report**

Chair Baker reported on the highlights from the B&C luncheon: No luncheon this month

**C. Boston Library report:** Board member Fox reported from a visit to the Boston Public Library System. She presented photos of innovative youth library spaces. These were all spaces that presented us with some ideas and opportunities that could be easily implemented.

- Wall mounted activity boards (in lounge area with seating and outlets for parents and caregivers). Board member Fox stated that there are no interactive play areas in

town for the toddler set (children up to 5), and she would like to see the library step in to this service gap more actively.

- Other ideas from the trip included sensory items, color changing panels, maze through stacks with guiding strip on floor, floor pillows to sit on or stack.
- The overall concept is to make the library more of a community space with an emphasis on interactive, colorful, creative activities.
- Book “birds” flying below sealing could be an idea for the rotunda on 1<sup>st</sup> floor
- Board member Fox ended the presentation with a request for earlier library hours exclusively for kids/families. This would allow this patron segment to come in and be loud and unconcerned about not being a menace to other patrons.

**D. Friends of Los Alamos County Library Liaison report:**

- FOL Book store has not secured a retail space
- Currently, the FOL Book store is running a half off sale to move inventory

**5. Board/Staff Communications**

**A. Manager’s Report presented by Gwen Kalavaza:**

- County fair exhibit will be placed on exhibit on the third floor of the library in the art gallery and meeting rooms.
- Summer reading report: attendance was up, good feedback from survey
- 1000 books before kindergarten. 100 kids have reached the half way point.
- Hogwarts day: over 300 attendees
- Upcoming: Aug. 12<sup>th</sup> – Sept. 3 YS will be on a break from programs.
- Author speak series will continue at Fuller Lodge
- Annual statistics were distributed. The numbers will be studied further to identify trends.

**6. Q & A with Council Liaison**

No report

**7. Informational items (time and date of next meeting)**

The next meeting is scheduled for September 10<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm

White Rock Branch Library

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm.

**Approved by the Library Board September 10th, 2018**

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**Jennifer Baker, Board Chair**