



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: **October 8, 2013**

TITLE: **Recognition of Marion McDaniel Masonic Lodge 56**

BACKGROUND:

The Masonic Fraternity in Arizona started the **Bikes for Books** program many years ago. Each lodge adopts an elementary school or district. The idea is to promote reading, and to motivate students to develop and nurture an appreciation for books.

Individual lodges purchase bicycles from local merchants, and this is where the fun begins! This past September 5th, members of the Marion McDaniel Masonic Lodge 56 in Tucson made special deliveries to every single Amphitheater elementary school.

The children were wide-eyed when the bikes arrived at their schools. Each school decides how to award the bikes. Some use them as incentive in their reading improvement programs. Other schools have an open reading contest; for each book read the student receives a ticket to be placed in a drawing for a bike.

The Fraternity has a long tradition of supporting public education, and providing programs at no cost to schools. We are fortunate to have these community supporters and volunteers who see the value of education in building a healthy, prosperous generation of students.

Tonight, we want to recognize members of Marion McDaniel Masonic Lodge 56.

Representatives here tonight are Public Schools Programs Committee Chairman, Henry Spomer, Lodge Master Don Milligan, and Senior Warden Gil Schlierer.

RECOMMENDATION:

This item is presented for the Board's information.

INITIATED BY:

Mindy Blake

Mindy Blake, Director of Community Relations

Date: September 30, 2013

Patrick Nelson

Patrick Nelson, Superintendent