

**CHICO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**May 19, 2009**

Present: Debbie Ceriani, Gerald Davis, Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, Diane Friedman, Linda Leahy, Marian Milling, Anne Morris, Joan Olmstead, Susan Rauen, Mary Wahl; Carolyn Dorn, Joan McDowell, Rupert McDowell, Fred Marken

The meeting came to order at 7:00 p.m. with a standing ovation for President Ann Elliott.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the March meeting were approved. (M/S/C Davis, Ceriani).

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer:** The current balance sheet was distributed. 2009 budget campaign items were discussed. Diane will follow up on lack of bill from Square Deal. Treasurer's report approved. (M/S/C/ Wahl, Leahy)

**Librarian:** The library is busier than ever with foot traffic of 1200-1300 on an average day. Almost 50,000 items were circulated in April. We miss Nancy and Nicole but the new people are doing well. Thanks to staff rotation the reference desk currently has coverage. Continuing coverage will depend on funding. Heather has been moved from the children's room to circulation. If Oliver and Byron are available at circulation, Heather might be able to cover the children's room part time. Book money is being spent again and bills will be given to CFOL. Other good news: we have WiFi! The Board thanked Susan for keeping up morale during a difficult time. Susan also thanked the Board - "your many efforts made a difference."

**Volunteer Recognition** (report submitted by e-mail): First quarter summary: 147 volunteers, 3,800 hours; contribution to library \$800.

**County Advisory Board:** A subcommittee has been created to work on a possible tax measure. Derek has identified three consultants and will make contact with them. The column in the Enterprise Record will continue. Next Advisory Board meeting: June 10 at Oroville Branch Library. The PAC will meet at 1:00 and the advisory board at 2:00.

**ONGOING AND NEW BUSINESS**

**Letters of appreciation** will be going to Grilla Bites, KHSL, S & S Produce, Tin Roof Bakery and the Board of Supervisors. Thanks were expressed to Fred Marken for his incredible support.

**Interim Director Roger Pearson** will meet Chico staff at the staff meeting on June 8.

**CFOL funding of library hours.** Mary thanked everyone for all the efforts to mobilize the community. The same effort needs to be put into the Chico vote in June. She gave a breakdown of the projected cost to the city of Chico per number of city-funded hours. Individual visits from CFOL members to City Council members were assigned.

**Story Hour:** CFOL will fund two story hours on Fridays at \$20/hour for 3.5 hours from June through July 3, 2009. (M/S/C S. Davis, L. Leahy)

**Ballot Measure for Library Funding:** Ann E. advised that our status as a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization does not allow spending significant time trying to influence legislation. One solution is to establish a Political Action Committee (PAC). Marion said a PAC is already registered; she will bring further information.

**Annual Meeting:** Roger Aylworth will be the featured speaker. Susan D., Joan and Marion will provide cookies; Ann E. will provide cold drinks; napkins and other supplies are in the staff room. Mary will issue a press release.

**Fall Festival:** Festival 2009 will be held October 17. The conference room has been reserved and Artoberfest will be notified so they can include our activities in their publicity.

**Movie Showings:** It is likely the movies will not continue as very few people attend and the movie license costs \$1,441 per year. Gerald will send a letter to see if the amount can be reduced.

**Redding Library:** Mary is working on dates for a meeting to learn more about the operation of this privatized library.

**Chico Bags:** Susan will get ordering information. Mary also suggested canvas bags for the Fall Festival.

**NEXT MEETING:** Annual meeting with guest speaker June 8, 2009. There will be no other meeting in June.

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