

Chico Friends of the Library Board Meeting Minutes June 21, 2011

Members in attendance

Rob Atkinson	John Few	Marian Milling
Margaret Bomberg	Diane Friedman	Anne Nordhus
Debbie Cobb	Fe Howard	Joan Olmstead
Gerald Davis	Don Kidd	Susan Rauen
Susan Davis	Linda Leahy	Mary Wahl
Carolyn Dorn	Al Luedecke	
Ann Elliott	Rupert McDowell	

Guests

Linda Mielke, Butte County Library Director

Meeting called to order

John Few called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Approval of April/May Minutes

Minutes for April 17 and May 17 were approved (m/s/c: Ohlmstead/SDavis).

Additions to the Agenda

This is John Few's last meeting as a board member. John expressed his thanks to Ann Nordhus for being one of his biggest CFOL inspirations. He wanted to make sure the following activities, which he was doing, are continued:

1. Newsletter Handoff to new owner. Carolyn Dorn will probably do the writing, and persons 'X' will do the editing.
2. John would like somebody to take up the bookmark contest next year, 2012

John made the following suggestions:

1. Fund for Teen Volunteers. John suggests we give a gift to an outstanding teen when they move on. Originally, this was to be a scholarship; however, some people go directly to work instead of college. He suggests we give a gift of books which can be used either for text books or other books (Amazon certificate?).
2. New board members need a "welcome package" consisting of regulatory documents and other helpful information. New members have a sponsor, maybe?

Reports

Treasurer: Book sale is a little slow this year. \$1000 contribution from Evening Soroptimists group. Cosmos contributed \$800 for children's room. \$500 from an individual. Treasurer's report approved (m/s/c Friedman/Ohlmstead).

Librarian: Sheryl & Leslie have improved the children's room. Over 1000 children signed up for summer reading. Sports LTD of Chico donated a bike, so children from all over Butte County are signing up hoping to win the bike. Summer

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programs are good. YoYo demo was a hit. Adam Miller program was well attended. The Over 50 program is well attended. Two half time positions have had over 200 applications, so it will take time to review all of them. Branch has put out a donation bucket for circ. remodeling. New electronic ordering system is in place. Susan and the staff appreciate everything we do.

Book sale: We need to start advertising in order to improve our book sale income. Most of the book sale patrons are known to Rob. We need new patrons. John Few will cover for Carolyn Dorn at the July First Friday Book Sale.

Library advisory board: Working on LAB Resolution. Working on Sustainable Funding.

LOVE YOUR LIBRARY The original purpose was to get a tax proposal on the ballot. Since the ballot proposal is not a viable option in today's environment, the committee has shifted it's emphasis.

However, the **All About Books** event, which benefits all Butte County Friends of the Library groups, is still going to happen. There will be local authors and artists. Steve Ferchaud has created an original poster for the event, and he will be on hand to sign them. There will be an **All About Books Kickoff and Fundraiser at Logan's Roadhouse**, . Aug. 30, 2011, at Logan's Roadhouse, 5-9pm, 15% of event will go to the BCFOL groups. This will also be a Thank You for Steve Ferchaud. We need to publicize this.

Ongoing and New Business

Library Remodel If there is a way to keep the book sale going during the remodel, then the library is willing to cooperate. Receiving donated books might be difficult during remodel. Put your thinking caps on - we need to find a way to have the book sale during the remodel. If somebody wants to donate space for the duration, it would be tax deductible....

Fall Festival Kevin Barry band - yes. About toys for "fishing", Susan Davis has not been going to garage sales to find small toys. CFOL will spend \$75 to purchase small toys (m/s/c Cobb/Bomberg).

Butte Literacy Council John Few reports there is a program to help disadvantaged kids learn to read. The program would like to give book sale coupons to the parents so they can have books at home. Rob will provide 100 Book Bucks to be given to the Butte Literacy Council (m/s/c Friedman/Cobb).

Meeting adjourned at 8:10pm.

Next meeting: July 19, 2011, third Tuesday of the month.