

CHICO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
MARCH 20, 2013

Members in attendance:

Margaret Bomberg
~~Debbie Cobb~~
Patti Conlin
Gerald Davis
Susan Davis

~~Ann Elliott~~
Diane Friedman
Fe Howard
Don Kidd
~~Linda Leahy~~

Rupert McDowell
Marian Milling
Joan Ohlmstead
Sarah Vantrease
Mary Wahl

Guests: New Library Advisory Board members, Jeff Wanee and MaryLou Johnson; Library patron Paul Wesbecher; Library Director Mel Lightbody; Library staff member Maureen Jeffers

Meeting Called to order

Don Kidd called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Approval of minutes

February, 2013, minutes approved (m/s/c Howard/Wahl) with the following clarification: Pg. 3, Book Sale Donations, Bayliss library would like to receive donations.

Treasurer's report

The February, 28, 2013, Treasurer's report approved (m/s/c Friedman/McDowell). All revenues (book sale, membership, donations, memorials, etc.) are up this year. New book purchases are down compared to last year, but S. Vantrease says that will change when new books start to arrive.

Librarian's report

The Volunteer lunch was attended by approximately 70 people; and staff is thankful for the money from CFOL which they used on the lunch. Movies are still popular. Kindles with bestselling books are all checked out. Book spinners (costing CFOL \$4664) are on the way. Books to the jail program, suggested by Paul Wesbecher, is underway. Tech users' group meetings are being attended by more people than anticipated, and will continue through Spring, '13. Saturday read to therapy dog has started, and the library could use a few more dogs to listen to the kids read. Jennifer is gone to assessor's office, will be missed, 100 people/week at her Friday story times. Extra help will fill in for Jennifer at reference; staff will share Friday story time duties. Sheryl's maternity leave is coming soon; Lindsay will fill in for Sheryl.

Library Director Mel Lightbody wants us to start planning Chico's event for Centennial. The Centennial materials will travel all year. We have the materials for three months during 2013. Mel is looking to the friends to support this effort. No action was taken at the meeting to address this.

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Book Sale report: \$980 income last week.

Library Advisory report: Two new Library Advisory Board members attended the board meeting and were introduced (Jeff Wanee and MaryLou Johnson). LAB is planning an evening event for the Centennial.

Ongoing and New Business

Joint friends meeting is next week. Mary Wahl will report.

Cupcake sale, April 18, 11-2 at Century 21 office. It's a Rob Atkinson memorial cupcake sale – a fundraiser for CFOL. They will have raffle items and it was suggested we donate a bag of books like for the symphony. Nobody volunteered to do the bag; however, Ann Elliott did the last such bag and it was assumed she could create another bag. Diane will make sure the Cupcake sale is mentioned in the April Update email. Rupert will write an article to put in the newsletter.

Bookmark contest is on; posters and flyers are up; schools visited. 450 entry forms have been distributed; John Few has contacted the ER, CN&R, and radio stations.

Chico Carrel: Marian milling will write the annual meeting article. Rupert will write an article about the cupcake sale.

Annual Meeting: Rupert is finding the speaker.

Jigsaw Puzzles: Don will have room to store the jigsaw puzzles.

Rob Atkinson Memorial Chair: Rob's plaque needs a landscape photo of Rob. The chair is well used.

Bylaw review is still in progress.

Nominations for officers, next term: Susan Davis Treasurer; Patti Conlin Vice President.

Volunteer recognition: Each quarter volunteer hours are tallied using the time reported on volunteer sign in sheets in the library. Each time a volunteer accumulates another 100 hours, then \$25 is donated, in that volunteer's name, for new book purchases. About \$600 is spent in this manner each quarter.

Vagrants and smokers at the library: Staff has procedures in place to call police if a problem exists. If patrons complain, Sarah V. will speak to problem person. Board members are encouraged to speak to smokers on the way into the library. Maybe if enough people speak to the smokers they will go away.

Suggestion boxes: Sarah thinks 2 boxes can be used. Board voted to spend up to \$100 on boxes (m/s/c Kidd, SDavis).

Meeting was closed at 8:20 pm.

Next meeting: April 16, 2013, third Tuesday of the month.

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ATTACHMENTS

Librarian's Report to CFOL , March 19, 2013

Thanks!

- Thanks for your assistance in sponsoring the volunteer luncheon, over 70 volunteers attending over the course of the event. (The book sale captains also loved having lunch with the Friends board.)
- Thanks to you for the \$150 worth of new movies each month – all popular! (As always, your suggestions for any library materials are welcome.)
- Thank you for donating books to our Kindle bestseller project. So far, so good; all the Kindles were checked out right away and some have been checked out a second time. If any members of the Friends board would like to try out a Kindle, please let the branch librarian know.
- Thanks for the money for the spinner bookshelves. They have been ordered and Randy Korte (our Demco rep) was able to get us a good price: \$4664.63 grand total, well under the \$6000 that CFOL approved. Randy is a great contact and said he'd come put the bookshelves together when they arrive.

New at Chico

- Tech Tuesdays and Thursdays have been wonderful so far (5 meetings, about 14 people per group). People drop in, 5:30-6:30 pm, with e-reader/tablet computers, and work with each other, library staff, and volunteers to learn how to use free library e-books. The goals of the program are to let the community know that the library has e-books, help everyone learn how to get them, and build community. People are really enjoying the groups, whether they come once and "learn everything" or are return visitors who like knowing more about their tech devices and/or talking to other participants. Although most of the participants are retiree-aged, they span multiple generations (60s-90s) and there have been a handful of younger people as well, including children. Some of the cool, surprising things about the program have been using the library space in a new way and seeing people truly connect with each other, across generations. Big thanks to Chico staff Maureen Jeffers (Senior Library Assistant) and Nicole Kazena (Library Assistant) for their excellent work in making this a success, and to volunteer Diane Friedman for joining us on Thursday nights with her iPad expertise. We could really use another Tuesday night volunteer, but the volunteers don't need to be experts, just people who enjoy learning and are willing to help others. Everyone is welcome to stop by and find out more.
- Story Tail Tutors: On fourth Saturdays of each month, kids (up through age 11) can come read to trained therapy dogs at the library. We've found four dogs so far; two will be at the library this Saturday, 3/23, at 2 pm, to read with kids. The program is meant to encourage struggling readers. *It was suggested we contact Enloe Volunteers as there are a number of therapy dogs working at the hospital.*

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Staff News

- Jennifer Springfield, part-time library assistant, transferred to a full-time position in the Assessor's Office effective 3/18. We will miss her storytime skills and her wonderful demeanor with patrons, staff, and volunteers alike. Since her Friday morning storytimes were drawing about 100 visitors a week, we will continue those, with the help of Leslie Botsford, Senior Library Assistant; Sarah Vantrease, Branch Librarian; and Kimberlee Wheeler, Outreach Coordinator. Extra help staff, notably Elaine Gray, will pick up some of Jennifer's other responsibilities.
- Sheryl Hubbard (Senior Library Assistant) will be on maternity leave by the end of March; in her absence, extra help staff Lindsey Lipski will be doing most of the children's programs including Summer Library Program. Sheryl and Lindsey have been working together over the last few months to ensure a successful season.
- County librarian Mel Lightbody anticipates filling Jennifer's position as soon as possible, but is waiting to find out what the City of Chico will contribute to the library's budget. In the case that the contribution is lower than in the past, it may be necessary to leave the vacant position unfilled. *Board members suggested that Chico library be prepared to speak at City Council, with the assistance of articulate library-supporting young people, as needed.*