

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes

September 15, 2015

Present: Debbie Cobb Ceriani, Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, Diane Friedman, Nancy Leek, Rupert McDowell, Marian Milling, Ramona Peters, Jen Rold. Absent: Margaret Bomberg, Patti Conlin, Mary Wahl

Guests: Mohammed Khaki, Brenda Crotts, Kathleen Nartuhi, Tehama Group of CSU Students, Katherine Gould, Bobbi Peterson

Meeting was called to order by President Diane Friedman at 7:00 pm. Introductions made around table. New nametags were distributed by Rupert.

Minutes: RP(m), NL(s). Minutes approved with one correction.

Reports

Book Sale: Books sold on the Internet continue to increase in income returned; in 2011, total internet sales were \$1300 and in 2015 so far sales have been \$6000. A concern was communicated by a book sale attendee about the presence of book dealers at the sales but no action was taken on this.

Treasurers Report: \$40 was appropriated for materials for Banned Books Week, Sept. 27-Oct. 3. Book sale receipts are up \$2000 from last year. Income tax forms are due soon; Susan and Diane will work on.

Library Reports: Library manager Crotts announced monthly statistics; a copy is attached to these minutes. Some categories are up and some are down due to Monday closings. Storytimes continue to be very large and are attracting new users due to the different schedule of them. A person named Kathleen Nartuhi has asked Brenda about doing a workshop to make accordion books at the library. Materials for this workshop would cost approximately \$30/person. There would be a limit of 10-12 in the workshop. Some discussion followed, and the matter was tabled until more information is received.

Two mini-lpads have been purchased for the Children's Room and are in use. They are secured. The children's staff requests several new area rugs to replace the worn ones they have. DC(m), SD(s), motion passed to spend \$1000 for new rugs. Friends suggested that old ones be donated to another branch.

The "book bike" debuted the weekend of September 12-13 and has already made several appearances with more scheduled. It is currently on display near books displays in the library.

JFOL: Next meeting is September 28. There may be a need for a new chairperson for the group.

LAB: Ann Elliot attended the meeting on September 15. The Sustainable Funding committee of LAB may direct their efforts to a citizens' committee to move sustainable funding forward. Also under discussion is something called a Legacy Fund, similar to a foundation. LAB is trying to change its bylaws, mission, and vision to make them more specific to adequate funding. Meagan Jesse is now the county

deputy CAO and Mary Jo Alonzo is the county budget analyst assigned to the library. County supervisors have not yet received results of the recent library survey.

Newsletter: The deadline for October issue is September 20. One article has been received so far. Articles should be sent to Kelsey at mcgigglek@gmail.com. Puzzles will be promoted on back page for price of \$5/ea, 2 for \$8.

Annie B's: CFOL will have an information/promotion table at Chico Plaza event on Sept. 17. A stamp pad was procured for the passport activity there. A final email reminder about Annie B's will be sent.

Guest—Kathleen Nartuhi: Kathleen will be having a display of homemade accordion books at the library in May 2016. She proposes also having a workshop for the public on making these books. Samples were passed around. Since her proposal was discussed earlier under library report, no action was taken.

CSU Interns: A group of 6 CSU students known as “Tehama Group” are working on the Friends’ social media. They are revamping the CFOL webpage and Facebook presence with the intention of increasing users and gaining more publicity for CFOL. They will have a prototype of the webpage ready by November 2. When their project is done, they will leave the Friends with a guide (Strategy Plan) on how to maintain social media to better effect. They have done and will be doing interviews with Friends.

Quilt Drawing: Ann had the quilt on display at the meeting with posters to promote it. Proceeds from this fundraising activity will go to children’s books. Kick-off will be October 1, and the drawing will be in early December. Friends’ volunteers will be needed to encourage ticket purchases in the lobby during October and November. Proceeds will go for children’s books.

Bridge for Books: The date—Sunday, September 27—and the time—noon to 3 pm—have been publicized both to Friends and to the public. (a press release was in the Chico ER on Sunday, 9/20). Volunteers are needed to help the day of; a signup sheet was passed around.

Trivia Bee: The 9th annual Trivia Bee for Literacy is November 6 at the Sierra Nevada Big Room. Nancy Leek will be team captain of the Friends-sponsored team and will recruit her team members. Donations for the raffle at the Bee are needed by October 16 and can be left at the library. Single admission cost to attend the Bee is \$30/person.

Meeting adjourned at 8:18 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, October 20.