

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2017

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Patti Conlin, Debbie Cobb, Brenda Crotts, Susan Davis, Katherine Gould, Ann Elliott, Nancy Leek, Marian Milling, Jen Rold.

Absent: Mary Wahl,

Guests: Alex Chen, Diane Friedman, Student Rose Kaya

Meeting called to order at 7:00. Introductions made. Volunteer hours' sheet for CFOL Board was circulated.

Treasurer's report: Things are going well. The books sales are down slightly, but the year is young.

Book sale: September book sales receipts were \$5563. Internet sales were over \$3,300 for the past 3 months. There was discussion of a thank-you event for the book sale volunteers as is usually held annually. (Since the meeting, a luncheon at La Hacienda has been scheduled for Nov. 9) More sale volunteers are always needed.

Library:

*Alex Chen, Library Technology Assistant, thanked CFOL for funding some of the virtual reality needs. Butte County Library got a grant for virtual reality and is leading the way in introducing and implementing it in the library. Officials and other library personnel and some students have come to observe demonstrations. A second set of "VR" equipment is coming, and Alex hopes to schedule more workshops. He requested additional funds for more content. MB (m), EB (s) to spend \$200 for VR content. All ayes.

*Brenda Crotts relayed thanks from the children's department for CFOL support of fall programs. She requested funds for a cork board displayer for the Teen Area. MM(m), DC(s) to spend \$547.53 for a cork board displayer. All ayes. Previously purchased zig zag shelving is working well. The Maker Space is moving along. Piping and fittings have been ordered and are expected to be assembled starting Nov. 8. Installation may take up to a week. Library statistics were reviewed and shared; the cardholder database was recently updated.

Brenda was congratulated on her upcoming retirement which is effective January 31, 2018.

LAB: A draft of the LAB purpose, activities, and current membership was passed around. The next meeting is November 8. LAB wants to interface more with the branches and is seeking input on how to do this. Some suggestions were to use shareable technology obtained from grants and to meet on a rotating basis at the branches with accompanying staff reports. Chico wants LAB to know that restoring Monday hours is key.

Finance Committee: MB(m), SD(s) to approve Statement of Investment Guidelines. All ayes. The guidelines were signed. A copy will be shared with the financial advisor. CFOL president and secretary will have copies.

Trivia Bee: The CFOL-sponsored team, the Bibliomaniacs, are registered and funded for the Bee on Nov. 17. Tickets are being sold online, at the door, and by contacting 530.538.7198.

Silent auction items are needed and can be left at Chico Branch. CFOL will donate a bag of books and a puzzle.

NEW BUSINESS

***Email vote policy:** The question was raised of whether to put a limit on the amount that can be approved for CFOL to expend via email vote. Large expenditures need in-person explanation and dialogue. DC(m), MB(s) that any expenditure over \$300 must be approved at a regular or special meeting of CFOL. All ayes.

***Little Free Libraries:** A subcommittee was formed to meet and bring forward a proposal for CFOL involvement with Little Free Libraries. Jen Rold, Patti Conlin, and Elizabeth Bergthold are the committee. Library administration feels staff time can no longer be spent on this project so more support is needed from volunteers or cooperating agencies.

***Library Feasibility Study:** A memorandum of understanding has been drafted between CFOL and the county regarding a building addition. Next step is a meeting to discuss. The library director needs time to review and understand, and then a meeting will be scheduled. Several CFOL board members expressed interest in being notified of the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm.

Next CFOL meeting is Tuesday, November 21