

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes
March 20, 2018

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, Diane Friedman, Katherine Gould, Jen Rold, Susie Serrano

Absent: Patti Conlin, Debbie Cobb, Marian Milling, Mary Wahl

Guests: Alex Chen, Casey St. John

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. All were welcomed and introductions made including Casey St. John, our new social media intern.

Treasurer's report:

All is well in that department. \$\$ from memberships are down but many renewals are in the \$50--\$100 range. Some other organizations have gotten a good response to a letter sent out letting members know that the Annie B drive is gone and asking for help. We might consider moving our membership month to the fall to take advantage of that.

Minutes:

Approved minutes of February meeting. Bergthold moved, Bomberg seconded. All ayes.

Book sale:

More cashiers are always needed for both First Friday and Saturday morning book sales. February sales were \$5033 and March is at \$4923 so far so it will be a good month.

Librarian's Report:

- Brought revised memorial plaque for Rob Atkinson. It will hang on the "memorial wall" in the meeting room.
- Alex Chen has received a promotion to Information Systems Technician for the county library system. He will still be based in Chico and continue working with the Maker Lab.
- Frank Strozanero of Piano Angels in Redding is interested in donating a piano keyboard for the Maker Lab. It would be portable and could be used for afterhours teen programs or brought to the meeting room. Susie will check with Mel about it.
- Submitted a request for new furniture for the children's room - 4 tables/20 chairs. Elliott moved to allocate up to \$2450. Bomberg seconded. All ayes.
- Library has received JA Jance books that Ann ordered - 70 in all. So far 58 free tickets have been "sold".
- Maker Lab project should be completed by the end of March and a bill submitted by the county at that time. Right now the project is about \$200 over budget. Two additional power drops that weren't in the original plan would be helpful. Susie will get estimates for them to be added later. Still hoping for a ribbon cutting in May. Statistics for February distributed . (attached to these minutes).

Feasibility Study:

Waiting to hear from county personnel about setting up a meeting.

LAB:

No report

Membership:

Elizabeth is making cards and will distribute them along with membership envelopes to bulletin boards around Chico. May need more envelopes. More general discussion about redesigning the envelope so it's easier to open without destroying information took place. Elizabeth will ask the graphic design person. Elizabeth will say a few words about Friends at the Jance event. She also asked for suggestions of other groups she might visit. Susie will participate when possible.

Social Media Intern: Casey St. John has been selected. Waiting for official paperwork. He will do something at the Jance event.

Annual Meeting:

Meeting will be May 15. Doug Keister has agreed to be the speaker

Other:

Nominating committee - Ann Elliott and Margaret Bomberg will serve as the nominating committee. Candidates for secretary and president are needed.

Historian - Nancy would like to pass this job along to someone else. It entails gathering any published information about the library and saving it in a binder.

Newsletter - Articles, as follow, are due to Ann by April 2: Annual meeting/Nancy, JAJance/Ann, Social media intern/Casey, Membership/Elizabeth, Help wanted/Jen, Volunteer recognition/Marian, Summer reading program/ Susie, Book Club/Katherine.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:15. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 17, at 7 pm.