

Chico Friends of the Butte County Library, aka. Chico Friends of the Library, CFOL

Minutes of Board Meeting August 20, 2024

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Merle Burbridge, Brenda Crotts, Jennifer Ellingson, Nancy Leek

Absent: Linda Elliott, Keith Herritt, Satsie Veith

Staff: Cynthia Pustejovsky, Chico Branch Librarian, Jon Peoples, Children's Librarian

Guests: CFOL Volunteer Coordinator Penny Evenson

Brenda Crotts called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 18, 2024 meeting were approved. (Ellingson, Bomberg, approved.)

Reports

Treasurer: Jennifer Ellingson reported that she visited with Holly, the CFOL accountant, and that taxes are done for 2023-24. She asked about an audit and it is Holly's opinion that one is not needed. She said that CFOL gained 32 new members in the previous fiscal year. A donation of \$2000 was received; Jennifer will pass the name on to Satsie for a thank-you note. It was suggested that the county supervisors be added to the mailing list so that they can receive the newsletter and that a thank-you letter be sent to the Chico City Council.

Book Sale: Nancy reported that the Book Sale made \$4031.56 in July and \$3503.91 so far in August, with one more sale to go. Internet sales are down considerably. Volunteers are needed, particularly on Saturday to take down the sale. The suggestion was made to ask the teen volunteers who are at the library at that time. Check with Sheryl.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth Bergthold and Penny Evenson recently restocked and checked on the LFL's, which are generally in good shape though some maintenance is needed. The Rotary Park LFL was in need of repair and Joe took it to rebuild. Christine MacShane will paint; Hilry Herman, the steward, is anxious to have it back as it is popular. Jennifer offered kids' books for the LFLs.

Membership: Merle Burbridge expressed a wish to know what motivates new members to join so that we can better target the public. She is thinking of asking customers (members) at the First Friday sale.

Library Advisory Board: Margaret said that there was a meeting in July at which the ballot measure was discussed.

Branch Librarian's Report: Cynthia Pustejovsky reported that she is still looking for a location for Wild Things on Sept. 28. Margaret is going to check with the Elks Lodge tomorrow. The League of Women Voters will be holding voter registration events at the library mid-September. The YA area has new teen furniture bought out of a grant. She turned the time over to Jon, who had some requests.

Jon: January and Rebecca have requested funds for two events for "Teentober": \$200 for Black Light Boogie and \$200 for Teen Lock-in Mystery Night. They are also requesting \$350 to purchase pumpkins for a pumpkin painting event. This was very popular last year and this year they will be using a reservation system. They need pumpkins for up to 200 people. A motion was made to budget \$800 for the three events (Bomberg, Ellinson, approved)

New Business:

Measure H. The topic of CFOL donating towards publicity for Measure H was brought up for discussion. Our representative to the LAB subcommittee for H, Jennifer Ellingson, did not receive a link for the first meeting, so we were unaware of what was being asked of the FOL groups. Nancy Leek learned from Jean Ping that some library FOL have donated to LAB for "H" and we were being asked to contribute. However, the CFOL Articles of Incorporation states in I.III.C. that "No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office." Jennifer confirmed that our articles of incorporation do not allow us to make a financial contribution in support of Butte County Measure H.

Trivia Bee: The Trivia Bee for Literacy is scheduled for Friday, Oct. 25. Discussion about how many teams to support. A motion was made to sponsor up to three teams, with one being a teen team. (Bomberg, Burbridge, approved)

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

The next meeting will be September 17, 2024.