

CHICO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 18, 2008

Present: Rob Atkinson, Margaret Bomberg, Debbie Cobb Ceriani, Gerald Davis, Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, John Few, Betty Forbes, Diane Friedman, Fé Howard, Linda Leahy, Marian Milling, Anne Morris, Anne Nordhus, Joan Olmstead, Susan Rauen, Mary Wahl

Call to order: President Ann Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the October meeting were reviewed and approved with one correction (10,000 volunteer hours, not \$10,000). (M/S/C Bomberg, S. Davis). Thanks to Linda for filling in..

REPORTS

Treasurer: (Susan Davis) Treasurer's report was reviewed and approved (M/S/C Bomberg, Leahy).

Librarian: (Susan R.) Christmas Buy the Book begins the Saturday after Thanksgiving. CFOL cookbooks will be sold on the same table. The Board approved a \$1,000 line of credit for Buy the Book (M/S/C Bomberg, Wahl).

The volunteer potluck has been moved from December to February 24, during Love Your Library Month.

Some libraries will be having a tea party in honor of Three Cups of Tea during January. Do we want to brainstorm with other branches and consider this as well?

Staffing cutbacks will be a reality countywide, possibly as of the first of the year, and hours are likely to be cut. We have lost one full-time and one part-time employee, and another employee is moving. Also we continue to work around an employee illness. Now more than ever we are grateful for our volunteers.

Carey Gross was named Member of the Year by the California Library Association. Kudos to Carey - she does so much. CFOL will send a letter of congratulations.

Thanks to CFOL for the new fridge. Staff and volunteers appreciate it.

Volunteer Recognition: (Betty) Mary Lou Lee is nearing 10,000 volunteer hours and the recognition gifts are ready for presentation..

Book Sale: (Rob) Still going well and with quality offerings. Sale hours on November 22 will be 9:00-11:00 a.m. to allow for the craft fair in the afternoon.

County Advisory Board: (Marian) Report to County Supervisors reviewed goals and progress, plus objectives for next year. Positive impact of the library was emphasized.

Joint meeting of Library Advisory Board and Friends of Libraries will be held January 12, 2009 in Oroville. This is a good forum for sharing news. Rob will need agenda items by December 5. Thanks for Marian for all of the time she spends on our behalf.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Trivia Bee: (Marian) The Fiendish Friends (Rob, Marian, Jim Dyer) won the second place trophy. More teams and a larger audience than last year, including our teen team in its first time out. A good time was had by all, and a few words from someone helped by the literacy program reminded us what it's all about.

Movies: (John) The feasibility of continuing this program will be discussed in spring.

Craft Fair: (Joan) Items for the bake sale should be brought Friday afternoon or Saturday at 10:30 a.m. Raffle tickets are still being sold. CFOL cookbooks will be sold along with the crafts, baked goods and other books. Thanks to Diane for all her help.

Library Signs: (Mary) Signs are ready and Mary is staying in touch with the traffic engineer to get them placed.

Membership Drive: (John) Estimated expenses were shared. After discussion it was agreed to print 10,000 copies of the flyer and consult with Cedar Creek about demographics and the actual number to be mailed. (M/S/C Wahl, Anderson) Goals: find a sponsor, recover production and mailing costs, expand our base, and keep our name out in the community. Thanks to Ann E. for keeping the labels and to Diane for website updates.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter: (John) Jiffy Print can produce the Carrel on glossy paper, folded, with color at a discounted rate of \$400 if we credit them as printer. We will try it for one year (four issues) and then revisit. (M/S/C Cobb, Milling)

Featured Visitor: (John) Julia Bergman will attend Family Night February 18, 7:00 p.m. in the children's room, with juvenile and young adult versions of Three Cups of Tea.

OTHER: Please contact Susan D. with any corrections to the cookbook.

☞ **NO MEETING IN DECEMBER. NEXT MEETING JANUARY 20, 2009** ☞

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