# Chico Friends of the Library Board Meeting Minutes September 20, 2011

#### Members in attendance

Rob Atkinson Ann Elliott Rupert McDowell Margaret Bomberg Diane Friedman Marian Milling Debbie Cobb Fe Howard Joan Olmstead Gerald Davis Don Kidd Susan Rauen Mary Wahl Susan Davis Linda Leahy Carolyn Dorn

#### **Guests**

Linda Mielke, Butte County Library Director

#### Meeting called to order

Marian Milling called the meeting to order at 7PM.

### **Approval of July Minutes**

Minutes for Aug 16, 2011, meeting were approved (m,s,c: Kidd/Howard).

# Additions to the Agenda

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## Reports

<u>Treasurer:</u> Book sale is only \$425 behind this time last year. Large donations are down. Report approved (m/s/c Cobb/Atkinson).

<u>Librarian:</u> 2 New hires are in place. Katherine Gould & Jennifer Springfield are kind and smart. Literacy is adding another Baby Love Books because of so many babies. There will be two BLB on Wednesdays, beginning October 19, 2011.

Nov. 28 is the official start date for the circulation improvements. Susan doesn't know exactly what is starting, but Nov 28 is the day. Book sale won't be impacted yet, as far as the book sale is concerned. CFOL will pay for the new desk, <\$30K. Friends will pay for new circ computers using the Soroptimists donation. County will pay for one more self checkout. Marian will check on how much CFOL targeted to spend on the circ remodel.

**Book sale:** Recycle bin for books and magazines is very welcome. Revenue is a little down (\$700-900). Rob looked at a small house for sale across the street from

the library for a permanent book sale. insurance, handicap access modifications, utilities etc. are all "cons" that outweigh the "pros".

Suggestion re 1/2 price sales from Sandy Boyd one of the book pricers - have the 1/2 price sale on Friday instead of Saturday in order to draw people to the First Friday Book sale, and therefore more new members. Rob & Co. will think about it.

To draw CSUC students to the book sale, try advertising in the Orion and other oncampus avenues. Rob and Mary Wahl would like to look into this.

**Note off topic:** There is a company that owes Don Kidd some money - that company might do the cleaning of the rug in the Children's Room.

<u>Library advisory board:</u> Don reports the LAB is only meeting about 4 times per year now. Training of LAB will occur in the October meeting, which Linda hopes will will improve the morale of the board - turn them into a team.

### **Ongoing and New Business**

L Mielke - states how valuable the CFOL \$ contributions for books and materials. She, Susan, and the board discussed ways the JFOL / LAB could encourage the County to have a more realistic books and materials budget.

Newsletter - Yay team. Maybe 4 issues a year are enough. Next issue before the craft fair (also covers the remodel).

Mozart Mile - we are a partner. If we pre-register 10 or more people, we get some money. Mary Wahl has been looking into water - six cases should be enough (210 labels) (from Costco). Stickers ("Water compliments of the Chico Friends of the Library" with the Logo) - Diane will do the stickers.

Fall Festival - We need 4 chairs & two tables for authors - Debbie C will decorate. She has confirmed several authors - list given to Marian. Steve Ferchaud will do charicatures (free, again). We will pay for his paper.

... Marian will remind the music group. Literacy coach will be there. Charity League is on board for cake walk. Rob will arrange for a juggler. Susan and Gerald Davis did have luck with finding fishing booth prizes (little toys from yard sales).

... Still under control.

Trivia Bee - cfol is sponsoring the cfol team \$300 (m/s/c Wahl/SDavis).

Craft Fair - in progress. Joan will arrange for Diane/Joan to pick out a quilt to raffle off next week.

Marian adjourned the meeding at 8:20pm.

Next meeting: October 18, 2011, third Tuesday of the month.

### **Chico Friends of the Library**

Board Meeting Agenda Tuesday, September 20, 2011, 7:30 pm

**Chair: Marian Milling** 

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Book Sale—Rob Atkinson
Treasurer—Susan Davis
Librarian—Susan Rauen
Library Advisory Board--Don Kidd
Library Director—Linda Mielke

**Ongoing/New Business** 

#### **Newsletter**

### **Upcoming Events**

- Mozart Mile on Oct. 2, 8-10 a.m.
   Need "CFOL" stickers for water bottles
   Need 1 more volunteer to be at table
- Fall Festival 2011 on Oct. 15 Review checklist
- Trivia Bee, Nov. 18
  Usual team would like to represent Friends
- Craft Fair on Nov. 19

Discussion on how to grow the Butte County share of the library book and material budget—Linda Mielke