

**CHICO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**JUNE 19, 2012**

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**Members in attendance:**

Margaret Bomberg  
~~Debbie Cobb~~  
Gerald Davis  
~~Susan Davis~~  
~~Carolyn Dorn~~

Ann Elliott  
Diane Friedman  
~~Fe Howard~~  
Don Kidd  
Linda Leahy

~~Rupert McDowell~~  
Marian Milling  
~~Joan Ohlmstead~~  
Susan Rauen  
~~Mary Wahl~~

**NOTE: no quorum so no business conducted. However the meeting was held in order to share information.**

**Guests:**

Tara Links, web page volunteer.

**Meeting Called to order**

Marian Milling called the meeting to order at 7:04pm.

**Approval of minutes**

April and May Minutes need to be approved at the July meeting. There will be three sets of minutes to approve in July.

**Treasurer's report**

Balance sheet: Low on cash (just paid for the circ desk). Gerald may or may not let one of the CDs mature and not reinvest in order to have good cash reserve. People donated \$2800 for the circ desk remodel. Even with circ donations, our donations are less than last year at this point. Expenses have doubled due to new circ and reinstated book buying activity. (Book buying by the library had been put on hold for a while.)

The May 31, 2012, Treasurer's report will have to be approved at the July meeting.

**Librarian's report**

Floor looks great! Internet stations have moved. Patrons appreciate the move. Internet users are monitoring themselves.

The current iteration of the California State budget allocates more money than library staff anticipated, but staff is not sure for what the money is earmarked. This budget from the state is not final.

New Library Director has been selected, and has accepted the position, but no contracts are signed yet.

Susan Rauen is retiring at the end of September. She will be missed. Susan's job description has been updated, and should be posted on the Butte County web pages by July 1.

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The library's work room is being reorganized somewhat. Susan is going for a more open environment, with less clutter and blockages.

The Summer library programs start on the June 28th. CFOL is paying for three Summer programs.

Number of items circulated was up to 50,000 in May.

Email from general services dept. to Susan said that Chico staff was the friendliest they had worked with in a long time.

**Book Sale report**

There are many donations (by the boxes full). The sticker system (different color sticker on book spines each month) allows book sale volunteers to cull any book we have had longer than 6 months. Don Kidd has picked up many boxes full of books - some of questionable use. He will cull unusable items before bringing them in, which will be appreciated by book sale volunteers.

Rosa's 87th birthday was this week. Wow!

Sarcus, the volunteer who handles more valuable books, is leaving in November. Ann Elliott is going to help with transition to next person.

**Library Advisory report**

None.

**Ongoing and New Business**

*Chico helping Chico:* Linda Leahy reported. A secret ballot vote was taken for whether to continue the Chico Helping Chico effort or not. The group voted to go ahead with activities. Leader Jim Stephens determined that this is not the year (too much on the ballot in November). Next year there won't be so much on the ballot, so the plan is to rally the pro-help people to vote.

*City of Chico budget meeting,* June 19, 2012: Library was not addressed as a separate agenda item. Even though the final-final council vote has not been made, the library is making plans to close on Monday beginning in July. The City of Chico now supports 10 hours. Prior to today, Susan Rauen and Jan Christoffersen met with City Manager Dave Burkland and he said he was sorry, but \$30K was being taken from library funding. Things might turn around in another year and funding would be restored. Extra help people will be losing hours amounting to one half time position, but no layoffs. Anne Elliott raised the idea that we might donate money for extra help like we did last year, in order to keep the library open on Monday. We should think about whether we want to do this. If we donate \$, will the City think they are off the hook for library funding?

*News and Review fundraiser* went well, although it wasn't as well attended as last year. Held at Tuscan Ridge.

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**Fall Festival** should be put on the community calendars now. Susan suggested combining Fall Festival/Remodel Grand opening/Meet new director/meet new Chico librarian. As a way to highlight the new floors and circulation desk, we might offer adult library tours during Fall Festival.

**Library sign:** Marian raised the question of a sign in front of the library, like other libraries have done. The sign would list current events and the book sale. Board thinks if we are going to do a sign, then we should use current technology. We might be able to get sponsors for the sign. The cost for a new sign that you can update from within the library would be about \$18K. We can get the legwork done and then spend the \$ at a later date.

**New Chairs in the meeting room.** There are new chairs for the internet stations (\$25 ea for the county). Marian suggested that we order some (about 80 chairs) like the internet chairs for the meeting room, to replace the 20-year-old brown chairs. Susan will give Marian ordering info. Think about them, consider if they will get dirty. (CFOL bought the blue meeting room chairs. Nobody knows who bought the brown chairs.)

**Memorial for Rob:** Progress? MargaretB/MaryW/DebbieC on the committee.

**Special Events:** Do book sale volunteers need special recognition? Yes. Suggestion: Ice cream on Friday, coffee and rolls on Saturday for a month. Timing? Not Summer.

**Grand opening of remodeled library?** Not a good idea to celebrate money spent when library is closing on Mondays. Don Kidd suggested we have a poster listing all the things you can do in the library.

**Newsletter** is losing one of their team (Carolyn Dorn). Carolyn was a major contributor of articles to each issue for the last year. What to do? Ann suggested requesting at least one article a year from ea board member. Will talk about it in July or August when it's time to prepare for the next newsletter.

**Carolyn Dorn** is leaving the board, and will be missed. She wants to continue to volunteer (Yay!).

**Joint Friends** is still meeting.

We need a *list of non-board member active volunteers* like Tara Links for web pages, Sandy Boyd for First Friday book sale, etc.

Board presented **Marian Milling** with a Thank You card. Marian will \*really\* be missed.

Marian closed the meeting at 8:38.

**Next meeting: July 17, 2012**

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**ATTACHMENTS**

**CFOL Board Meeting Agenda, Tuesday, June 19, 2012, 7 pm**

**Introductions**

**Additions to Agenda**

**Approval of Minutes: May 2012**

**Reports**

Treasurer—Gerald Davis

Librarian—Susan Rauen

Book Sale—Ann Elliott

Library Director—Jan Christofferson

**Ongoing/New Business**

Budget Reduction from City of Chico

CNR Golf Fundraiser on June 18

Fall Festival

Chico Palio/Artoberfest

Library Sign

New Meeting Room Chairs

Permanent Memorial for Rob Atkinson

Special Events

Recognition of Book Sale Volunteers

Grand Opening of Remodeled Library

**Other**

Next Meeting: July 17, 2012?