

CHICO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 21, 2014

Members in attendance:

Margaret Bomberg
Debbie Cobb
~~Patti Conlin~~
Brenda Crotts
Gerald Davis

Susan Davis
Ann Elliott
Diane Friedman
~~Fe Howard~~
Don Kidd

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

Please Note: The minutes for the January 21 board meeting do not include identities for people who made motions or seconded them, due to Secretary's technical difficulties. Thanks to everybody who filled in my missing information, especially Ann Elliott.

Guests: Sara Vantrease (svantrease@buttecounty.net), Lydia Neeley (lneeley@buttecounty.net), Maureen Jeffers (mjeffers@buttecounty.net), Jean Andrews (andrews.jeanlouise@gmail.com), Kelsey McGee (mcgeek@bacbell.net)

Meeting Called to order

Rupert called the meeting to order at 7:05pm.

Approval of minutes

November minutes were approved with one addition: We had approved \$500 for Oliver Allen to spend on Little Free Library supplies.

Treasurer's report

Treasurer's Reports for November and December, 2013, were approved. Big donations came in at the end of the year. Motion passed to move \$20,000 to the investment fund.

Librarian's report

Sarah wrapped up December activity in the library and thanked us for our support. Circulation and library traffic have increased. Stats: 467 visitors last Sunday (even with 49er game). Registered users up 4,000 in 2013 to 48,000 active users, monthly visitors up 3,000 (i.e. from 24,000 in 12/2012 to 27,000 in 12/2013), checkouts also up by 3,000/month (i.e. 48,000 in 12/2012 to 51,000 in 12/2013)

Brenda Crotts, new Chico Branch Librarian (<mailto:bcrotts@buttecounty.net>), requested and received approval for up to \$60 to purchase a new speaker for children's story time. CFOL needs to make signs to acknowledge craft supplies provided by CFOL. County is planning to hire part-time additional janitor to help, cleaning of carpets in sections).

Brenda requested and received approval for \$250 for the Volunteer Luncheon, February 20th. We are all invited.

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Lydia Neeley, new Children's Librarian, outlined her plans for the YA section and Children's room. Projects: Reorganize space for teens, better display of Manga collection, computers for educational and vocation (video and photo editing software [acquire through Techsoup?]), collection development (intentionally display and store media based on research), outreach: possible KZFR story time, visiting preschools and other schools, Babies Love Books (fun and educational), young adult "road to college" programs

Book Sale report

November/December book sales were down a little. Internet sales bring in about \$350 per month. The Helens, and all the book sale volunteers, are working hard and doing well. Ann will make sure all the book sale volunteers are aware of the volunteer luncheon February 20th.

Library Advisory report – No report

Ongoing and New Business

Diane requested that all the people submitting articles for the **February Carrel** do so very soon. The Carrel should go to the printers by February 3rd. After printing there will be a stuffing party.

Microfilm Digitalization is perhaps better handled by outsourcing. Mel's research is indicating it may be best to replace the broken microfilm equipment and later have digitalization completed.

February is **Library Lovers' Month** – wear your red t-shirts!

February 1 is **Take your Child to the Library Day**.

John Few has the **bookmark contest** in hand. Contest deadline will be April 14. We approved \$400 for supplies and prizes. Sarah suggested that we give classroom prizes because teachers are organizing their entire classrooms for the contest. Home schoolers would get individual prizes.

We need to submit a 2014 form to **Peet's Coffee and Tea** Corporate offices in order to receive the \$1041.52 that was matched/donated. Susan/Gerald/Marian to take care of it. Gerald will write thank you to Peet's (corporate?) Rupert will write letter to editor thanking Peet's.

Don Kidd will look at the **library display case** (the tall one near the reference desk) and see if he can do something with it so it's easier to affix display items to the back of the case.

Rupert and Diane volunteered to be the **nominating committee for 2014** officers and board members. We need President and Secretary, and board members need to be polled for continuation. New board member volunteers: Jen Rold, Kelsey McGee, and Jean Andrews all raised their hands to indicate they would be willing to serve on the board.

We approved a motion to let Brenda give the **old brown meeting room chairs** to the Torres Shelter.

Oliver (oallen@buttecounty.net) is taking care of **World Book night** for the county library. (Organizations or individuals can request a number of books, by title. The books arrive, and on book night, the books are given away free.

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Some ideas for increasing **puzzle sales** were proposed.

Gerald has written some **options for use of the Building Fund**. Copies were distributed. It will be on next month's agenda for discussion.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:24pm.

Next meeting: February 18, 2014, third Tuesday of the month.

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ATTACHMENTS