

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes

October 20, 2015

Present: Debbie Cobb Ceriani, Patti Conlin, Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, Diane Friedman, Katherine Gould, Nancy Leek, Marian Milling. Absent: Margaret Bomberg, Rupert McDowell, Ramona Peters, Jen Rold, Mary Wahl.

Guests: Brenda Crotts, Tehama Group of CSU Students—Travis, Kate, Sarah, and one more.

Meeting was called to order by President Diane Friedman at 7:00 pm. Introductions made around table. Katherine Gould was presented as a new member of the board and was welcomed at the table.

Minutes: DC(m), NL(s). Minutes approved as presented.

Correspondence: A folder of miscellaneous correspondence from past months was circulated; a recent letter from county supervisor Bill Connelly was pointed out; it thanked Friends for their contributions.

Reports

Book Sale: Saturday book sale is recruiting cashiers for once-a-month commitments. A book sorter for Thursdays is also needed although it is temporarily covered. A patron suggested allowing non-Friends' members to buy one or two books on a one-time basis at the First Friday sales rather than just turning them away. Sometimes that is already done in practice and can be continued. Membership forms would be handed to those people.

Treasurers Report: The book sale continues to do its part to keep revenues going—receipts from it are greater than last year at this time. As of meeting, there were no Annie B's receipts. (Results were announced the next day, and Chico Branch received \$15,746 from the public and \$7,687 from the grant process for computer upgrades.)

Library Reports: Library manager Crotts announced monthly statistics; a copy is attached to these minutes. She distributed "Thank You" buttons made on the new machine by Ricardo and some students. The 3-D printers are booked until January for use by tweens, young adults and adults. More training sessions could be scheduled if volunteer help is found. Only one person can use a printer at a time. Leslie requested the Friends purchase 5 Doodle pens and extra tips to have technology for use by those waiting their turn at training sessions. A picture was circulated. The pens are expensive and unfamiliar. Friends voted (MM-m, PC-s, all ayes) to award \$1000 to Leslie to be divided as she thinks best for pens and for some new chairs.

Statistics still show that some areas such as general circulation are down due to the library's fewer hours open. Programs are holding their own.

A library plan that includes RFID technology for Chico and other branches is to be presented at the Oct. 27 Board of Supervisors meeting in Oroville. Estimated time is 10:30 and Friends are encouraged to go.

JFOL: No report.

LAB: A “virtual check” for the amount in dollars that volunteers and Friends contribute to all Butte County branches was given to the Board of Supervisors at the Oct. 13 meeting. At that meeting substantive changes in the LAB mission and vision statements were approved. Contact information is needed on names of prospective stable funding committee members previously sent to Ann. She will resend the email asking for this.

Newsletter: Jen has had surgery with a slower recovery than expected so the October newsletter is late. It will get out at very end of October or early November. A card will be sent to Jen.

New and Ongoing Business:

CSU Interns: The Tehama Group reported that the revised CFOL website is almost wrapped up. It can be previewed at CFOLtest1.chicolibrary.org. They need one more interview for the blog. Two photographers will be present at the Trivia Bee on Nov. 6. New bookmarks are coming. It was voted (DC-m, MM-s) to spend \$120 on bookmarks. All ayes. Regular messages are being posted to Facebook for CFOL; they are upbeat and attractive. The Friends are running out of pens that were purchased some time ago with library name on them. Trevor will investigate a future purchase of more pens.

Quilt Drawing: Quilt is still on display and drawing tickets are available for sale. A signup sheet was passed around so Friends could sign up to solicit ticket sales in the lobby during November.

Bridge for Books: There has been no formal feedback on this event of September 27. It was well-organized and enjoyable but sparsely attended, perhaps because of conflicting events on the same day.

Trivia Bee: The 9th annual Trivia Bee for Literacy is November 6 at the Sierra Nevada Big Room. Nancy Leek will be team captain of the Friends-sponsored team. The name of the team is Bibliomaniacs. Single admission cost to attend the Bee is \$30/person, and tickets can be purchased at the library front desk.

Welcome Package: Diane suggested the Friends might want to mail welcome letters/packages to new members as they join. She offered to draft a letter. Bookmarks and possibly book sale bucks will be included in the letters which are expected to be a manageable number. Diane will enlist help from volunteer Mimi Atkins.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 pm. The next meeting is Tuesday, November 17.