

## Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes

April 26, 2016

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

Guests: Mohammad Khaki

Meeting was called to order by President Diane Friedman at 7:02 pm.

### **Reports**

**Treasurer's Report:** Book sale receipts and memberships are less than last year at this time, but revenue is still above expenditures for the year. The Finance Committee (Diane, Marian, Susan, Mohammad) will meet in late May. One line item is Tote Bags; it was noted that CFOL is out of canvas bags. Marian said she would follow up on ordering more. AE(M), SD (S), all ayes to spend up to \$1000 to reorder canvas bags for Friends to sell. The current selling price is \$12/bag.

**Minutes:** Approved as presented with one minor change to correct misspelling. AE(M), RM(S), all ayes.

**Book Sale:** Sales are going well. A report on Internet sales for the first quarter 2016 was given. Over \$3400 of Internet sales has been received. MW(M),SD(S) moved that CFOL pay up to \$300 for noise cancelling devices to those staff who want them. (Some staff is negatively affected by the necessary noise from book sale activity in the work room.) All ayes. A second motion (DF-m, AE-s) to spend up to \$800 for a book cart for the book sale workers was made. All ayes.

**Library Report:** Monthly statistics (attached) were reviewed. Chico Branch came in second at 66.91% in a contest among branches to increase self-checkout. There were lots of volunteer hours in March. It was suggested that the monthly stats be sent to Chico City Council members each month; Mary Wahl will oversee that.

The coloring group is very successful with 6-15 people attending each week. A recent "open coloring" activity went well and will be repeated.

Chico will be receiving an AWE computer literacy station for the children's room. It is a self-contained unit that will not connect to the Internet and will be simple to maintain. It was made available from a state library agency at a reduced cost of \$500. MM(m), MW(s) to authorize \$500 for the AWE computer. All ayes.

Two new bulletin boards are needed to replace the current ones hanging near the checkout desk. The old ones must be removed as the area is remodeled to accommodate RFID; the old ones will be used elsewhere in the library or donated to the county. MW(m), RM(s) to spend up to \$200 for 2 new bulletin boards. All ayes.

May is Mental Health Matters Month. The library is partnering with several other agencies to host many programs. A flyer listing them was passed out. These are supported by a federal grant (LSTA).

An author named Lisa Simons is coming to the Chico area on Wed., June 22. She has written a book on Faribault Mills in Minnesota. A small reception and book signing may be held at the library that day. Friends indicated their support for this which may take the form of refreshments and presence.

LAB: The Sustainable Funding committee has asked library administration for more details and thoughts on a budget plan should a tax measure be passed. Administration is working on a long range plan.

Newsletter: For the first time, Jen ran out of space when compiling the recent attractive newsletter! The next issue will come out in July; planning for it will be done at the June 21 meeting.

### **New and Ongoing Business**

Annual Meeting: Flyers are out and posted for the meeting on May 17 featuring Catriona McPherson. She will be interviewed on Nancy's Bookshelf on KCHO at 10 am on May 13. A signup for providing refreshments for this annual event went around.

Cupcake Sale: The sale is on Wednesday, May 4 from 11 am-2pm at Century 21 office on El Monte. The contact person is Doug Love. CFOL members are encouraged to contribute cupcakes. They can be dropped off at the office the morning of the event if decorated. If they need decorating, they need to be dropped off the morning before on May 3, at the Century 21 office.

Coloring group bookmarks: tabled for later.

Nominations: Ann Elliott stepped forward to assume the presidency of CFOL for the next term thereby completing the slate of officers.

Other: The "help wanted" ad for new members that was discussed and supported at the March meeting will appear in the ER on Saturday and Sunday, April 30-May 1. The coalition event for the homeless is on Wed., April 27 at the Chico Fairgrounds. The Friends will give out books and the library system will be represented by Oliver Allen. Several Friends have volunteered to distribute the books.

Meeting adjourned at 8:23 pm.

**The next meeting is Tuesday, May 17, the Annual Meeting with year's summary, election of officers, speaker, and refreshments.**