

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes

February 21, 2017

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

Guests: Alex Chen

Meeting was called to order by President Ann Elliott at 6:59pm. Welcome and Introductions made.

Reports and Business

Treasurer: Generally no comments about the monthly report. PayPal card readers have been received and will be put to use at book sales when a volunteer is trained and ready; patrons will be able to use credit cards to pay for purchases of \$20 and up. The PayPal readers brought up the question of whether CFOL should have a credit card. A card is not necessary for use of the readers and one will not be obtained at this time.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as presented (MW moved, SD seconded). All ayes.

Librarian's Report: A new coordinator for the Little Free Libraries in Chico may be needed as this project has budget implications due to staff time involved. Discussion followed concluding that library support of this national program is very important to it and has been a factor in the success of the little libraries locally. More data is needed to analyze the impact of this program—how many little libraries in the Chico area and what costs have been. Patti will contact Oliver to get numbers. It was suggested to use Google Maps and to pin the locations of the Little Free Libraries. CFOL supports these libraries and wants the Chico Branch to continue to be involved.

Library statistics were distributed for past two months.

A new YA program called Fandom Club is being started. Staff leaders need some funds for snacks at the start-up meeting coming soon. MW(m), MB(s) to give \$60 to Andrea Liao for snacks. All ayes.

The new overhead projector in the community room is installed and has been used. Some additional pieces for optimum functioning are needed: a 5-channel sound mixer and more chords. There is about \$4000 left of the grant from City of Chico that paid for the projector so other items can come out of the grant. Alex Chen suggested a wireless transmitter be purchased to eliminate chords. He will research.

The AWE kids computer is set up in the Children's Room and is being used. It is sturdier than the previous computers for children.

Makerspace is still in development. For now, there is a typewriter available and the 3-D printer. The Ellison machine either is or will be available also; more equipment will come as this space progresses.

Alex reported that he is working on the CFOL webpage now, particularly a section for membership that will allow for online joining of the Friends. He will consult with Diane Friedman on the best approach.

Book Sale: Made \$1499.18 one week recently! Saturday sales are going well. The spinner rack with book sale books brings in almost \$150 a week. There is going to be a new spinner for VHS tapes.

Library Advisory Board: Jen Rold has been appointed as a Chico rep to the LAB, and she will attend the next scheduled meeting in April. A sheet was passed around to record Friends' hours to report to LAB.

Library Expansion: Still waiting for forward momentum including an MOU from library administration.

Friends' Membership Drive: In March, CFOL will implement its previously-formed plan to recruit new members:

*CFOL board members will appear at storytimes throughout March to read a story and give a very brief, scripted pitch for the Friends. The story to be read will be selected by library staff. A handout has been prepared with key facts about the Friends and a coloring sheet on the reverse. Members signed up for specific storytimes.

*Several big posters will be put on display so patrons can refer to them. One may be on permanent display and one will be in the storytime area when presentations are made. These posters will tell about the prize drawings associated with membership signup, referral, or renewal. Chico Bags will be one of the rewards along with chances for a donated quilt and for framed posters. Marian will order more Chico Bags to replenish the supply which is almost gone.

New:

*The Annual Meeting can be on our regularly scheduled May meeting date of May 16. Speaker recruitment needed a volunteer to coordinate and contact; Nancy Leek volunteered. She will contact Dan Barnett from the ER and Butte College as our first choice for speaker.

*Cupcake Sale is on April 26, a Wednesday, from 11 am-2pm. Rupert will be the liaison between Century 21 and the Friends. He encouraged more participation from the Friends to get raffle prizes. More information will be coming at our March and April meetings.

*Membership Database Cleanup needs to be done. Ann asked for a volunteer. She and Katherine are doing some work on the database. This topic will be revisited.

Reminders:

Volunteer Potluck on Thursday, Feb. 23.

Use Amazon Smile when purchasing from Amazon so that the Friends get a small percentage.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

Next CFOL meeting is Tuesday, March 21.

