

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes
June 20, 2017

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Patti Conlin, Susan Davis, Katherine Gould, Ann Elliott, Nancy Leek, Marian Milling, Jen Rold, Mary Wahl, , Brenda Crotts.

Absent: Margaret Bomberg, Debbie Cobb

Guests: Diane Friedman, Muhammad Khaki, Amanda Leveroni, Paul Wesbecher

Meeting called to order at 7:00. Introductions were made and new board member Elizabeth Bergthold was welcomed. The volunteer hours sheet for CFOL Board for April-June was circulated.

Special Event 1: Guest Amanda Leveroni of Bacio Catering presented an idea for a library fundraiser as part of her personal mission to make America smarter and the world a better place: she has organized several dinners with a designated beneficiary where she does all the work and planning and just asks for a group with enthusiastic support as a partner. She proposed holding a dinner at Lakeside Pavilion on Thursday, July 27. She would publicize this event to her large database of clients and would expect CFOL to do the same if interest is expressed (see motion below). Other dinner opportunities will be available in the fall.

Special Event 2: Paul Wesbecher announced an expo for the homeless in late August. Specifically, he wanted a presence (books, library cards) from CFOL for Friday, August 25, in Chico City Plaza.

Treasurer's report: Bills have been received for tech items which relate to the new projector for most part. One item coming soon is a new electronic sign to be posted near the lobby announcing library events. If members use the UPS store for copies, Susan needs a copy of the sales receipt to reconcile with the UPS statement. Mary Wahl will be writing thank-you letters for memorial gifts and larger donations as directed. A CFOL Finance Committee meeting is needed and will be held on Friday, July 14 at 11 am at the library.

Minutes: read and approved. MW (m), SD (s). All ayes.

Book sale:

Nancy reported the book sales are going well. Over \$4000 was raised in May and already over \$4200 in June. We need to be thinking about what to do for the annual reward gesture to the book sale volunteers in September. The past few years the volunteers have been treated to lunch and they greatly enjoy that.

Librarian's Report:

The display furniture for new and highlighted books has been ordered. The Maker Space should come together the week after the 4th of July. The county board of supervisors will be reviewing and finalizing the budget on June 27. It is likely to be proposed to cut Monday hours at Chico to help offset the unexpected higher cost of the CalFire contract. Discussion followed about alternatives that might save the hours. Some board members will meet at the library and carpool to the meeting to listen and comment. Marian will make a list of talking points, and our email list of CFOL members will be notified. A television set was requested to use for the previously-mentioned sign. SD (m), MW(s) to purchase a television not to exceed \$400. All ayes. Special Social Security advising sessions will be held at the library the 3rd Wednesday of the month from 12-2pm. Patrons will be able to get help with online Social Security services at the library.

LAB: Jen attended one meeting so far. The Advisory Board is currently renegotiating the contract with North Valley Community Foundation where some general and specific library funds are held.

Newsletter: It's that time again—there will be a July issue of the Carrel. Articles were assigned and are due to Jen or Ann by July 1. Topics covered will be Maker Space, Annual Meeting, City Grant, Book Group news.

Other:

Chico bags have arrived and are available in original style in either red or blue. They will be sold for \$6/each.

A storage locker unit has been rented for the Native Plant Society and Friends of Bidwell Park. CFOL is invited to share this space, and it is needed for seldom-used items in the back room. MW(m), SD(s) to spend \$116 for storage space for this year. All ayes.

The board roster was passed around for members to update their contact information.

The Library Expansion Feasibility Study is included in the county library budget proposal for 2017-2018.

CFOL still expects to partner with CSU Chico when Middle East student leaders come to campus this summer.

CFOL has applied for a Chico city grant to be financed with funds based on those received during a fund drive. (This is a successor to Annie B's.) The names of grant recipients will be announced June 29. If CFOL gets a grant, envelopes to encourage giving to this special program will be included with the July newsletters.

The proposed fundraiser/community celebration dinner on July 27 was discussed. CFOL felt this a good opportunity not to be missed. MM(m), PC(s) to partner with Bacio Catering for this event. All ayes.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

Next CFOL meeting is Tuesday, July 18