

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes
September 18, 2018

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Merle Burbridge, Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, Katherine Gould, Keith Herritt, Max Infeld, Mohammad Khaki, Nancy Leek, Marian Milling, Mary Wahl, Cynthia Pustejovsky

Absent: Debbie Cobb, Diane Friedman

Guests: Alex Chen, Kaitlyn Yartz

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm with Mary Wahl presiding. All were welcomed and introductions made.

Treasurer's report: (handout)

Diane sent monthly reports and commentary via email; those items were discussed. MB(m), SD(s) to move Barbara Seawall bequest to the Building Fund. All ayes.

Diane pointed out that we have accumulated close to \$1,000,000 and need to be thinking about how to spend some of this money. The possible addition or rearrangement of the library to accommodate the book sale is still pending and may make use of funds. Also the county library is embarking on a long-range plan that may have implications for services or materials that Chico should purchase. We could also consider having a simple library branch in another location such as the mall. These matters will be discussed again later.

Minutes:

Minutes from July meeting were approval with correction on the bequest amount. AE(m), KG(s). All ayes.

Book Sale:

At time of meeting we didn't receive exact figures, but sales are doing very well. (Figures were received the next day: sale receipts were \$5887.22 for August and 4132.39 September to date. The Sept. number includes \$1234.17 from Internet sales.) More volunteers are always needed for the sales. The plaque honoring Rosa Weston has been purchased and is ready to hang by the clock. Cynthia will follow up on this.

Librarian's Report: Cynthia Pustejovsky, interim Chico Branch Manager

Cynthia introduced herself and has been at Chico for 3 weeks; she is still learning the ropes.

A handout was distributed on magazine subscription showing what ones CFOL already pays for and new titles that are desired. At July meeting a motion was passed to increase CFOL spending to \$6000 for this year so all subscription needed and wanted should be obtainable. Ordering for periodicals can be done through Merle. Staff has requested some plastic displayers for stack ends and countertops. MB(m), SD(s) to spend up to \$300 for these items. All ayes.

LAB: Ann attended the July meeting. It was business as usual. More LAB appointments are needed and should be forthcoming from the supervisors. The next LAB meeting is Wednesday, Oct. 17, 3-5 pm at Gridley.

Newsletter: Next issue will come out in October prior to the Trivia Bee. The deadline for articles is Oct. 8, They should be sent to new board member Keith Herritt (keith.herritt@gmail.com) for editing. Assignments are: Literacy Bee-Nancy, Festival de las Americas-Marian, Great American Read-Ann, What's New-Katherine, Librarian's Column-Cynthia, Buy the Book-Maureen, CFOL website-Alex.

NEW BUSINESS

*New Board Member: Keith Herritt was introduced and elected and welcomed to the board. He volunteered to edit the newsletter. MB(m), AE(s) to appoint Keith to the CFOL Board. All ayes.

*Grant Application: North Valley Community Foundation is offering library grants through county library channels; the deadline to apply is November 15. We decided to propose adding an electronic sign for the library lawn at corner of E. First and Sherman near the stoplight. County staff determined several years ago that it was feasible to do. Marian, Mary, and Max will be a subcommittee to work on this project.

*Board List: It needs to be updated and Ann has access to current document so will make additions/corrections.

*Updated Website: A book blog will be linked to from the CFOL webpage. The blog is written by Kaitlyn Yertz represented here at this meeting. She loves to read and has been doing this blog for some time. It can be accessed on Instagram currently.

*Author Apricot Irving Appearance on October 11: There has been a blip in securing this author due to the county's requirement that certain forms be signed. A waiver is being prepared to smooth the way for her appearance at 6:30 on Thursday, October 11. Volunteers will be needed to set up for this between the library's closing at 6 and the program start. Cynthia will be sending out emails in regard to details.

OLD BUSINESS

*Library Expansion/Modification: This project is still under discussion. It's on hold while waiting for a new MOU and subsequent meeting to be arranged between Benjamin Matray and Mel Lightbody.

*CFOL Insurance: Some requirements for Friends' groups insurance have been lifted or modified. Whether we need auto insurance for CFOL was discussed with advice and opinions stated that we should obtain for peace of mind and minimal cost. Two quotes were given with the quote from Alliant Insurance chosen to include 3 kinds of coverage—general, auto, and directors and officers. MW(m), KH(s) to spend \$1222 for insurance coverage from Alliant Insurance. All ayes.

*Caldecott/Newbery Award Books: CFOL has a dedicated fund to purchase these annually-awarded books. There are procedures in place to do so and they will be followed with clearer path for tracking these purchases.

*Trivia Bee: AE(m), MM(s) to sponsor a Trivia Bee team for this annual event Friday, October 26. All ayes. The treasurer will register the same team that we had last year with Nancy Leek as lead member.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, October 16, at 7 pm.