

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2018

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg , Debbie Cobb, Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, Diane Friedman, Keith Herritt, Max Infeld, Nancy Leek, Marian Milling, Cynthia Pustejovsky,
Absent: Merle Burbridge, Katherine Gould, Mary Wahl
Guests: Alex Chen, Mel Lightbody, Ashley Cane, Elizabeth Bomberg

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

Library Director: Mel Lightbody introduced the future Chico Branch Manager Ashley Cane. Her experience includes county-wide children's librarian, Oroville interim manager, now manager for Gridley, Durham and Biggs branches. She will transition to Chico some time next spring.

CFOL is the first to sign the MOU with Butte County.

An assessment of modifying the internal space of the library for book sale operations instead of building an annex can be scheduled for next fiscal year (2019-2020) with activating another MOU.

New library accounting tech Sandy Thompson should get billing up to date.

Library Advisory Board (LAB) meets quarterly, looking for Chico representatives, will be involved in the strategic plan and looking at sustainable funding. Meets 10/17 in Gridley – 9:30 Strategic Plan, Noon – funding, 3 PM – regular meeting.

Treasurer's report: (handout)

Barbara Seawall bequest moved to the Building Fund as voted in Sept. Financial Review by Holly Pladson, CPA is finished. CFOL met accounting standards. Thank you to Susan and Gerald Davis for keeping us on the straight and narrow for many years.

With our considerable assets, we brainstormed more ideas for spending money beyond an annex for book sale operations: support another branch, facilitate more class visits, enhance local school libraries, self-serve lockers outside branch or at other locations around town (as Gridley has for book requests), funding for library outreach coordinator. Butte County has an effective outreach person (publicity). Ann will email Mel and stress that CFOL would like to use our funds in a big way to enhance library services. Our funds and donor base should be considered in the strategic plan, which CFOL would like to be involved in.

Minutes:

Minutes from July (as corrected re NVCF funds for branch use) and September meetings were approved. MB(m), DF(s). All ayes.

Book Sale:

More than \$6,000 income for September. ~\$3,210 so far for October. On track to exceed \$60,000 for year.

Approved hosting book sale volunteers for appreciation lunch NTE \$800 DC(m), MB(s). All ayes.

Spring Toms has asked if CFOL would have a presence at Chapman Town events (several each month). We would support a Chapman Town resident to do that. Nancy and others will host a table at the Enloe Wellness Expo Sat. 10/27 10 to 2.

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

Approved sponsorship of the Yule Logs NTE \$600 on Friday Dec. 7. DF(m), DC(s). All ayes. Ann will set up Eventbrite free ticketing for Sheryl.

First 5 Express event Tues. Nov. 6 all morning for preschoolers.

Maker Boxes (part of technology grant) are being assembled. Joe and Andrea will do a show and tell with staff from other branches to train. At 10/25 Oroville High Career Expo will demo Maker Boxes, VR, robots.

Membership: Elizabeth passed around an idea for an acrylic donation bank for the library.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth met with Patti Conlin re LFL information. She will coordinate repair of existing LFL's. Requested NTE \$1,000 for year for material etc. MB(m), KH(s). All ayes.

Newsletter: New process with Keith editing went fine. Add another page? Emailed to printer on Monday and should go out this week. Newsletters to lapsed members will go in envelopes with "We Miss You" letter and membership envelope.

Technical Matters: Alex Chen passed around e-resource and ebook usage reports. Numbers are very much smaller than physical media usage.

A temporary demo of the new website and blog space are available.

CFOL should use hash tags to promote our interests. Each member should brainstorm 4 or 5 hash tags which represent something of what we do for the next meeting. Some examples were given and emailed.

Library Addition/Remodel Update: Nancy outlined our choices for a possible library expansion. Cynthia will look in the library for the extra copies of the architect's report for those who did not get a copy.

Annex \$900,000 – stick built

 \$740,000 – modular

Addition \$1,250,000 – includes bathroom upgrades and sprinkler system

NEW BUSINESS

*Author Apricot Irving Appearance on October 11 – 29 attendees, well received

* Possible film showing at Pageant: flier passed around – some time in new year?

* Holiday Programs? – books for "Holidaytime Buy the Book" are being purchased now.

* After many months Diane has finally acquired a debit card for CFOL. Contact her for purchases with its use.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:05. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 20, at 7 pm. Nancy Leek will chair.