

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes
January 15, 2019

Present: Margaret Bomberg, Debbie Cobb, Ann Elliott, Diane Friedman, Katherine Gould, Max Infeld, Nancy Leek, Marian Milling, Cynthia Pustejovsky

Absent: Elizabeth Berghold, Merle Burbridge, Susan Davis, Keith Herritt, Mary Wahl

Guests: Alex Chen, woman from Japanese storytime, Julissa Winton and associates Miranda, Washington, and ?

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by acting chair Diane Friedman. All were welcomed; introductions made.

Treasurer's Report:

Because of recent downturn in the market, assets are lower by \$13,000. However, there is currently about \$1 million in CFOL treasury.

Minutes:

Minutes from November 2018 meeting were approved. AE(m), DC(s). All ayes.

Librarian's Report: Cynthia Pustejovsky, Acting Branch Manager

The Paradise Branch is still being assessed after the Camp Fire. Exterior is in good shape, but the collection may not be. Historical documents have been removed for treatment. Hope to reopen as soon as the building is judged to be safe.

Buy the Book was successful with 88 books purchased and \$1276 in donations received. The preprocessing was a good idea enabling donors to check the books out immediately upon purchase.

The We Create volunteer group from Sacramento Area was praised for coming after the fire and doing an all-day free craft workshop. In addition, other items such as reader glasses were donated by them.

Summer reading is being planned; the theme is "It's Show Time" and comes from IREAD Reading Programs. Rhoda Boyd, a Paradise staffer, is temporarily working at Chico.

LAB:

Meeting is at Chico tomorrow, January 16. Ann Elliott will attend and report for CFOL.

Book Sale: Nancy Leek

Due to abundance of donations, recent sales have been half-price events. Even with those, 2018 book sale income exceeded previous year's; 2018 total was \$63,322.79. No sale on Saturday, January 19 due to MLK holiday closing. Bookmarks that advertise the book sales are needed. DC(m), MB(s) to spend \$300 for these from same printer that did recent bookmarks. All ayes. A second batch of previous bookmarks will also be requested. MB(m), DC(s) to purchase more bookmarks not to exceed \$300. All ayes.

Library Sign Grant: Marian Milling

Grant was submitted by November 30, 2018 deadline. No word has been received about it yet.

Membership: No report. Elizabeth has inventoried all the Little Free Libraries and will report on them next month. A map that marks their locations will be put on the CFOL website.

Technology: Alex Chen

The new CFOL website was shown. For content, pictures of board members will be added of those who are willing. Alex will take the pictures. Katherine volunteered to update the library history info on the site. CFOL has two discount cards to be used at Barnes & Noble. One will be kept at the front desk to be used as needed.

Clock:

Still needs repair but seller does not follow through. Marian and Diane will approach the business, Father Time, with a check for an incentive to get the repair done.

Officers:

At the start of the meeting, CFOL was still without a president and vice-president. Diane pointed out that the organization might be in violation of reporting rules. Marian volunteered to be interim president until the end of the business year on June 30, Margaret Bomberg will be vice-president, and Ann Elliott secretary.

NEW BUSINESS

February Newsletter:

Articles were assigned with a due date of January 22 to editor Keith Herritt, keith.herritt@gmail.com. Here are the assignments: Trivia Bee (Nancy), Love Your Library/Membership (Elizabeth), Branch News (Cynthia), new website/monitors (Alex), Volunteer Recognition (Marian) and also articles on CFOL assistance/gift cards to library employee fire victims and on the Japanese storytime fundraiser in December.

Celebration de las Americas:

Julissa Winton of the staff spoke of her committee's appreciation of library and CFOL support for the past 3 celebrations. Due to success of these, the venue must be changed to a larger place but hopefully with the same library and CFOL support. The Chico Women's Club has been tentatively booked for September 15, 2019. Julissa left a letter outlining the plans and expenses for this for CFOL consideration. The Celebration committee will hold a fundraiser event at the library on May 4 to help cover costs.

Ideas to be thinking about:

In addition to bookmarks, CFOL might want to consider other items to sell for promotion of the library and book sales—things such as stickers or mugs.

The need for rearranged book sale space is still out there. Time to be creative—maybe take over the Maker Lab and put the Lab elsewhere or otherwise reconfigure floor space?

Meeting Adjourned at 8:35. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 19, 2019 at 7 pm.