

Chico Friends of the Butte County Library, aka. Chico Friends of the Library , CFOL

Minutes of Board February 19, 2019

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Merle Burbridge, Ann Elliott, Diane Friedman, Katherine Gould, Keith Herritt, Marian Milling, Cynthia Pustejovsky

Absent: Debbie Cobb, Max Infeld, Nancy Leek, Mary Wahl

Guests: Alex Chen, Patrick Newell, Dean of CSU Chico Meriam Library and Dist. 3 representative to the Library Advisory Board (LAB)

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm by Marian Milling. All were welcomed; introductions made.

Treasurer's Report:

Large checking account balance in anticipation aiding in reopening the Paradise Branch Library. PayPal charges are for Facebook ads for the Book Sale.

Minutes:

Minutes from January 2019 meeting were approved with the addition of Alma's name. MB(m), MB(s). All ayes.

Book Sale: Nancy Leek out of town, but reports that all is well with steady income and donations.

Librarian's Report: Cynthia Pustejovsky, Acting Branch Manager said that she is holding memorial donations for Susan Davis until we decide on a memorial other than books. Several memorials for others have come in. Butte County Library's "Automatically Yours" book buying program has spent money faster than anticipated with books by very prolific authors. Some authors will be cut and fewer copies will be purchased to compensate. **Motion: increase CFOL monthly book purchase amount from \$6,000 to \$8,000. M Burbridge(m), M Bomberg(s). All ayes.**

Summer Reading programs being planned. New 3-D printer purchased with grant money as the old ones cannot be repaired.

Ashley Cane is expected to take over as branch manager sometime in March.

Membership: Lots of memberships coming in during February membership month.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth has inventoried all ten of the Butte County Library/Friends sponsored Little Free Libraries. While generally well stocked, maintenance issues will be prioritized and addressed. Those with benches nearby seem to support community. A map that marks their locations will be put on the CFOL website. Possible Summer Reading Program activity would be a scavenger hunt to visit them all.

Library Advisor Board: January 16 meeting covered Paradise Branch status, Strategic Plan contract with CSU Chico GIS lab gathering community demographics for targeted planning for and marketing of library services.

Newsletter: February newsletter had many articles, little room for pictures. Next newsletter will be in late April to announce Annual Meeting.

Technical Matters (CFOL website, equipment): Alex Chen and friend Elizabeth took many pictures of the branch for the CFOL website. History Page revision in process. Contact Alex to schedule a head shot for intro page 530-588-2607. Alex purchased for CFOL a new vacuum for the conference room. Its purchase had been passed by email vote. **Motion: Purchase new vacuum for the conference room (NTE \$300). MM(m), AE(s), all ayes.**

Library Electronic Sign Grant: Marian Milling reported that the \$10,000 grant from the Library North Valley Community Foundation fund was approved by the LAB. A committee of Marian, Diane, Ann, and Margaret will begin working on details.

Celebration de las Americas: Julissa Winton reported last month the event will be September 14, 2019 at the Chico Women's Club. A May 4 fundraiser for the event is planned.

Memorial Clock: Off to repair/electronic upgrade by Father Time.

Support for Paradise Branch: Testing of rooms and materials is still under way. Hopes are to open this spring.

NEW BUSINESS

Annual Meeting May 21: Patrick Newell agreed to speak (possible topic: cooperative and distributed library services with creative funding sources). Alex will look into streaming it live.

Officers and Board nominations needed: President and Secretary to finish the 2-year term through June 2020. Vice President – two-year term through June 2021, Diane agrees to be nominated to Treasurer through 2021.

Nomintating committee: Margaret Bomberg and Max Infeld

Designation of Tri Counties Bank Account Signators: **Motion: Officers Diane Friedman, Marian Milling, and Ann Elliott are designated as signators AE(m), MBomberg(s). All ayes.**

Susan Davis Memorial: Susan's memorial service is this Saturday, Feb 23 10 AM at Newton Bracewell w/ reception to follow at La Hacienda. CFOL will send flowers and will decide on a memorial for her. Staff suggested naming the meeting room the Susan and Gerald Davis Meeting Room.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, March 19, 2019 at 7 pm.