

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

Minutes of Board November 19, 2019

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Sandy Boyd, Merle Burbridge, Ann Elliott, Diane Friedman, Katherine Gould, Keith Herritt, Nancy Leek, Marian Milling.

Absent:

Staff: Janae Kambestad (Chico Library Manager), Alex Chen,

Guests: Madelyn Fenandes, Satsie Veith (both new book sale volunteers), Paul Wesbecher

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Marian Milling. Introductions made.

Tour of Maker Lab: Included what CFOL and other Grants have purchased. Visualize what future needs might be.

Minutes: Minutes from October 15, 2019 board meeting were approved. (Elliott, Boyd, approved)

Treasurer's Report: The board reviewed reports as presented by Diane Friedman Treasurer

During the month: **Email approval for \$200 for Kimberlee Wheeler to attend the California Library Association (CLA) Conference. She was invited to do a presentation on the NASA projects she designed. (Apollo 11 mission research and memorabilia)** (Milling, Burbridge, approved)

Book Sale: Lisa, who handles Internet book sales would be more productive with a faster and more reliable Internet connection, so that she can more efficiently look up book values instead of carrying books back and forth to her house in Gridley. A new WIFI access point is being installed soon in the staff area. In addition, we could install a public access computer in the book sale area for her use.

Book Sale Volunteer Luncheon set for January 23, 2020 to cost less than \$1,000. (Elliott, Gould, passed) Half price sale this weekend, no sale Thanksgiving weekend.

Librarian's Report: Branch Manager Janae Kambestad described the new Citizenship Corners being set up in the branch under a grant administered by Katy Azevedo. It will include paperwork important for immigrants as well as graphic novels. She has developed webinars for librarians to aid immigrants. Katy has a Tech Van which mainly does outreach to migrant worker camps.

There will no longer be volunteers on Mondays to reshelve books (as the branch is closed), so Tuesday will be busier than ever.

Sheryl Hubbard is starting a "glow in the dark" story time. \$220 allocated for books and supplies. (Friedman, Bomberg, approved)

ROE – County Staff processing Right of Entry paperwork for hazard tree removal in the Paradise area are using half the Maker Lab for a few months. Holiday by the Book items are being designated and will be available to receive patron donations in December. Janae will look for a desk that better suits her needs and make a future request. The staff room stove is being watched closely for now, with replacement a possibility in the future. Holiday programs will be a bit more low-key this year. The Yule Logs need a bigger venue.

Library Advisory Board: no report.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth is still in search of a carpenter/maintenance volunteer to fix and replace the physical libraries. She sent a letter to the editor to the newspaper but it has not been published. Alex has a map of the Little Free Libraries we support on our website. (**Update:** Laura Urseny was asked to write an article in the Chico ER, which she did on Nov. 30. Elizabeth has had good response and is lining up carpenter volunteers.)

Technical Matters (CFOL website, equipment): Alex Chen has done some more research for his proposal to KOHA to have CFOL sponsor the next conference here in Chico. **CFOL to cover the cost of possible hosting of KOHA 2020 (2 conference rooms for 4 days, snacks, possible dinner) NTE \$5,000** (Bomberg, Burbridge, approved)

Newsletter: Keith Herritt is finalizing the newsletter. Ann will send the printer names and addresses.

Outside sign for Library Hours: Butte County general services staff felt that the best location was on Sherman Street in front of the blank wall of the air conditioning building.

Follow-Up: Purchase of children's books in honor of Debbie Cobb's service to CFOL – now in process, book plates to be added to books. The County does not feel it can staff a second branch in Chico (anywhere).

December Meeting Canceled: By unanimous consent we will not meet in December. **Email spending authorization raised to \$3,000 until January 21, 2020 meeting.** (Milling, Gould, approved)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:23. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 6:30 pm.

Purchases authorized since the meeting **NTE \$350 for 1 storage rack and Ellison rotating stencil holder for Maker Lab.** (Bergthold, Milling, approved) Dec. 6/7, 2019