

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

Minutes of Board Meeting Oct. 20, 2020

**Present via Zoom on-line:** Elizabeth Bergthold, Brenda Crotts, Diane Friedman, Katherine Gould, Satsie Veith

**Absent:** Margaret Bomberg, Sandy Boyd, Merle Burbridge, Keith Herritt, Nancy Leek

**Staff:** Misty Wright (Chico Library Manager)

**Guest:** Byron Fountain

Katherine Gould called the meeting called to order at 6:35 pm. There was no quorum.

## Reports

**Minutes:** Due to lack of a quorum, the vote to approve the minutes of the September meeting was postponed.

**Treasurer:** The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. Book sale income is down about \$15,000 from this time in 2019 due to the pandemic, but internet sales are at \$6569, which is close to last year's income. Diane reported that she has, as a precaution, switched the financial reports to an on-line format which allows for access by up to 5 additional users. Satsie volunteered to be added as an alternate user.

**Book Sale:** Katherine reported in Nancy's absence that Nancy and Helen are continuing to restock the foyer shelves from the book sale inventory.

**Librarian's Report:** Misty Wright was present at her first board meeting since taking over the Chico branch. She reported that Hannah Wilford is a new full-time library assistant, working 3 days a week in Chico and 2 in Paradise. Crystal Gillespie is now in Chico. There are also four new "extra-help" people, including former staffers Byron Fountain and Rhoda Boyd.

Library programs will remain virtual at least until the end of the year. A new Adult Services Librarian will be hired. About 300-400 people per day are visiting the Chico branch. Two computers are now available for victims of the North Complex Fire, and the library is looking into increasing that number to meet the needs of the general population.

**Library Advisory Board:** Will meet Oct. 21.

**Little Free Libraries:** Elizabeth inspected the LFLs and reports zero vandalism. She is dealing with a continuing shortage of children's books with contributions from the book sale inventory. Brenda offered her collection of children's books, at one time intended for Halloween, if needed.

## Ongoing and New Business

**Library Hours Sign:** Katherine reported that she has received a message from Narinder Sufi that the Board of Supervisors has approved the sign, and that Brandon McKay has arranged installation with the contractor. It is set to happen in mid-November.

**Orange Boy/Savannah:** Katherine reported that this is moving forward. A two-year contract for about \$6000 (previously approved by the board) will benefit all the branches.

**Liability Insurance:** Katherine reported that payment for the coming year has been processed.

**Gifts for Marian and Ann:** Diane reported that the payments to Friends of Bidwell Park and the Native Plant Society in honor of our former members have been made and acknowledged.

**New Board Member Nominations:** Byron Fountain has agreed to serve as a board member and was present at the meeting, but the vote to approve him was postponed due to lack of a quorum.

**Trivia Bee:** Katherine reported Nancy Leek's suggestion that, since the Bee has been cancelled this year due to the pandemic, CFOL consider making a contribution for a "phantom team." This proposal was postponed to the next meeting due to lack of a quorum.

**Storage Unit:** Katherine explained that, currently, CFOL shares a storage unit (at Hwy 32 & East Avenue) with the Friends of Bidwell Park and the Native Plant Society. Our share is \$8 per month (of the total \$24), which is paid to FBP, as their name is on the lease. Ann Elliott has let Katherine know of a potential wrinkle: NPS needs more room and may want out of the deal. Based on Katherine's research, this unit is probably the least expensive unit of this size available. CFOL has paid through the end of November. After some discussion of the current contents and CFOL's needs, it was agreed that Katherine will contact FBP and NPS to ascertain their intentions.

**OLLI Request:** Brenda and Diane both reported hearing from Gayle Womack of the Osher Life-long Learning Institute (OLLI) about possible publicity for OLLI by CFOL. Both of them referred Gayle to library staff. The general feeling expressed by board members was that the mission of CFOL is to support the library and that CFOL should participate only in a joint venture that also benefits the library.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

**The next meeting is Tuesday, November 17, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom.**