

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

Minutes of Board Meeting April 20, 2021

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Merle Burbridge, Brenda Crotts, Byron Fountain, Diane Friedman, Katherine Gould, Nancy Leek, Satsie Veith

Absent: Keith Herritt, Sandy Boyd

Staff: Misty Wright (Chico Branch Manager)

Guest: Annie Reimer

Katherine Gould called the meeting called to order at 6:35 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 16, 2021, meeting were approved. (Bomberg, Bergthold, approved.)

Reports

Treasurer: The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. Membership has received \$2500 - \$2600 more than at this time last year. The final cost of the Linda Lee Bassett Memorial Bench was \$943. The board decided that Diane should tell the family the final cost and let them decide how much to reimburse. Last month, the expenditure on library materials was \$2800. The Year-to-Date expenditure on books and magazines is \$76,000, compared to last year's \$62,000, which indicates that spending is still a bit high for the year. Branch Manager Misty Wright said all the receipts for last month were for items ordered in February.

Book Sale: Nancy Leek reported that lobby sales continue to make about \$130 per week. Lisa's internet sales brought in \$1241.80 last month. The board discussed what would be needed to restart the Saturday book sale. Misty said the quarantining of books may end after May 1st, which would free the meeting room. Fewer books could be displayed, leaving more space between tables. She explained that the library administration will require that the number of volunteers and patrons present in the room will have to be limited, and someone will need to keep track of that. The possibility of a security guard was discussed. Book donations may also be possible starting next month. Misty will discuss the details with Library Administrator Narinder Sufi.

Librarian's Report: Misty Wright said that in May the library will begin outdoor programming for Story Time on a weekly basis; also Maureen Jeffers's book club and the Summer Reading program will meet outdoors. The board voted to allocate up to \$1500 for Summer Reading. (Friedman, Bomberg, approved). The Chico branch is currently letting up to eight people sit inside for up to one hour at a time, including computer use. The hope is to be back to "normal" by July or August.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth Bergthold reported that her letter requesting donations of children's books was published in Enterprise-Record, garnering apparently two responses. She has not yet had to purchase books.

Ongoing Business

Library Hours Sign: Katherine reported that the company has yet again picked up the sign to try another way to hold the lid up while letters are inserted.

LAB Grant Proposals: The Library Advisory Board is scheduled to meet on April 21st to discuss grant proposals. The board is hoping for acceptance of the Book Club in a Box and the Teen Book Club.

Officer Nominations: As a nominee for Vice-President was still needed, Nancy Leek suggested that she change positions from co-president to VP, and the board voted to accept this. (Friedman, Bomberg, approved.)

Newsletter: Some board members had received the latest edition by regular mail, Diane says she will send out the e-mail version tomorrow.

New Business

Approval of New Board Member: The board voted to add Annie Reimer as a CFOL board member. (Bomberg, Bergthold, approved.)

Annual Meeting: The meeting will be held on Zoom at 6:30 pm on May 18, as previously decided. Diane will work on Facebook setup. Invitations will go to all members with an e-mail address, and it will be posted on the CFOL Facebook page.

As the meeting concluded, Merle Burbridge suggested that the board consider offering a life membership option. Katherine will add it to the June meeting agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

The next meeting is the Annual Meeting on May 16 (on Zoom).