

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

Minutes of Board Meeting June 15, 2021

**Present:** Elizabeth Bergthold, Merle Burbridge, Brenda Crotts, Diane Friedman, Katherine Gould, Nancy Leek, Annie Reimer, Satsie Veith

**Absent:** Margaret Bomberg, Byron Fountain, Keith Herritt

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

Katherine Gould called the meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the April 20, 2021, meeting and the May 18, 2021, Annual Meeting were approved. (Crotts, Leek, approved.)

## Reports

**Treasurer:** The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. Diane reported that CFOL revenues are greater than last year due to market performance. So far this (nearly complete) fiscal year, lobby and internet books sales combined have earned \$21,686.01. Katherine will write a thank-you note to the donor of a particularly generous gift.

**Book Sale:** Nancy Leek reported that lobby sales continue to make about \$100 per week and internet sales brought in about \$1000 last month. Helen Sutton hopes to have the first Saturday book sale on July 10, though this has not yet been officially announced. Many books have been donated and several new volunteers are helping out.

**Librarian's Report:** Misty Wright reported that the new Assistant Director has left the job already for unknown reasons, so the search is back on. Also the Outreach and Collections person has left. In Chico, Story Time and summer programs are being held outside. As for mask wearing, employees and volunteers can self-verify vaccination by completing a form and be excused from that requirement. The public is simply being asked to wear a mask if not vaccinated. The library tables and chairs for public use will likely be put out again in July. The Meeting Room will be available for public use once a new booking system is installed.

**Little Free Libraries:** Elizabeth Bergthold reported that vandals are back at work, and so is one of her volunteer repair persons. She also reported donations of books from Neal Dow school and local author Mary Jensen, and a \$200 check from the Rotary Club which she will use to purchase used books.

## Ongoing Business

**Library Hours Sign:** Katherine reported that the sign, though not perfect, is at last up and working. She will be ordering more letters & numbers.

**LAB Grant Proposals:** Misty reported that the Board has approved the grants for the Teen Book Club and Book Club in a Box.

**Lifetime Membership Option:** Merle explained that she introduced the idea because she thought it might be a convenience to some members to make one larger donation and not be bothered with ongoing solicitations. After discussion of pros and cons of this and other membership issues, the board approved a motion to raise the basic membership fee to \$20 (from \$15) and to not offer a lifetime membership option. (Bergthold, Burbridge, approved.)

## **New Business**

**Orange Boy Update:** Misty reported that library staff are now beginning to use all aspects of the program, e.g., to send targeted newsletters and to use analytics to get more information about community needs which will then be reflected in the collection.

**Newsletter:** Several board members volunteered to write articles for the next edition, which Keith plans to send out very soon in order to announce the first library book sale. Katherine will inform him by email of what has been promised.

**E-R Giving Tuesday:** Katherine will ask Byron to contact the newspaper again about this program to see if it is still an option to publicize the book sale or other library activities.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

**The next meeting is July 20, 2021.**