

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

Minutes of Board Meeting November 16, 2021

**Present:** Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Brenda Crotts, Diane Friedman, Keith Herritt, Nancy Leek, Annie Reimer, Satsie Veith

**Absent:** Merle Burbridge, Byron Fountain, Katherine Gould

**Staff:** Heather Tovey (Literary Specialist)

Nancy Leek called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

**Minutes:** The minutes of the October 19, 2021, meeting were approved. (Bomberg, Bergthold, approved.)

## Reports

**Treasurer:** The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. The net value of our investments has regained the \$9000 lost as of our last meeting.

**Book Sale:** Nancy Leek reported that the October book sales brought in \$5646 from five Saturday sales, and November sales so far have earned \$2694, including \$1010 in internet sales.

**Little Free Libraries:** Elizabeth Bergthold updated her email report to say that Loren Dunlap has completed the new doors for the Community Park LFL (to replace ones damaged by persistent vandals) and will give them to Christine MacShane to be painted. The other ten LFLs are in good condition. See **New Business** for discussion of gift cards to volunteers.

**Librarian's Report:** Heather Tovey sat in for Misty Wright. She informed the board about several literacy-related projects, including the Trivia Bee, which will be on-line and for free this year on November 18; the Career On-line High School program, which provides scholarships to ten persons age 18 or older who can earn career certificates as well as HS diplomas; and a \$145,000 Dual Language Learning grant from First Five, which provides 80 hot spots for families to enhance internet access. In general library news, interviews are ongoing for literacy and children's librarians and a senior library assistant. The new branch librarian may start work in December.

## Ongoing Business

**Enterprise Record Ad:** Nancy reported that Katherine has been working on the ad copy and it may be in print soon.

## New Business

**Recognition of LFL artists and builders:** Elizabeth suggested in her email report that volunteers Joe Steck and Christine MacShane be given a gift card each for \$100 as thanks for their work. She has a budget for \$1000 to reimburse them for supplies, but they typically do not request reimbursement, and the budget is almost untouched. After discussion, the board voted to give \$200 to the volunteers (Friedman, Bomberg, approved). It was suggested that gift certificates from the Chico Downtown Business Association which could be used at member businesses, or a similar mall gift card, would be a good idea. Also discussed was the presentation, which could be done at the beginning of the next board meeting.

**Library Advisory Board Opening:** Nancy told the board that the LAB has an opening for a person to be appointed by District Two supervisor Debra Lucero. She suggested it would be a good idea for a CFOL member to be on the LAB. Margaret Bomberg volunteered. Nancy will email her the form to submit to Supervisor Lucero's office.

**Request for Donation to Reading Pals:** This was continued to a future meeting due to lack of sufficient information.

**Board Resignation:** Annie Reimer advised the board that she is resigning because other activities do not allow her to participate at the level she feels is appropriate. Board members expressed both regrets and hope that she will come back when/if things change.

**Newsletter:** Keith Herritt reminded the board that the next newsletter would ordinarily come out in January. Membership renewal is done in February. It was agreed that the newsletter and membership dues notices could be combined. The newsletter will include updates on the book sale (Nancy), the LFLs (Elizabeth), and pieces about volunteers from Diane and Merle.

**December 21 Meeting:** The board agreed not to meet in December.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:36 p.m.

**The next meeting will be on January 18, 2022.**