

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

Minutes of Board Meeting February 15, 2022

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Merle Burbridge, Brenda Crotts, Diane Friedman, Keith Herritt, Nancy Leek, Satsie Veith

Absent: Byron Fountain

Staff: Jessie Spragge (Chico Branch Director), Misty Wright (Assistant Library Director)

Guests: Patrick Newell, & for presentation only: Joe Steck, Christine MacShane, and her granddaughter

Brenda Crotts called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Presentation: Elizabeth Bergthold presented thank you gifts to Joe Steck and Christine MacShane for their work repairing and decorating the LFLs.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 18, meeting were approved. (Friedman, Bomberg, approved.)

Reports

Treasurer: The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. The net value of our investments has increased by \$82,000 since this time last year.

Book Sale: Nancy Leek reported that the January book sales brought in \$4921, and February sales so far have earned \$4666, including \$2216 in internet sales. Nancy raised two issues: poor lighting in the small room used for book storage and display and the \$6 price of Chico bags. Jessie said she will contact the Facilities department to see about upgrading the lighting. The board approved a motion to offer the bags at \$3 each or free with a new or renewed membership paid at the book sale. (Leek, Bergthold, approved.)

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth reported that the LFL's are in good shape, though she will need to replenish her supply of children's books.

Librarian's Report: Jessie Spragge reported that a new children's librarian, John Peoples, has been hired, as well as a new library assistant. She has applied for two grants: a \$100,000 grant from the CA State Library to hire teen interns, and a Lab Grant that encourages parents to read to their pre-school-aged children. Zip Books may soon be funded. The board discussed the Open + program, which has been approved to add hours for the Paradise branch; no planning has yet been done for the Chico branch.

Ongoing Business

Enterprise Record Ad: No report as Byron was absent.

CFOL Historian: Brenda accepted possession of two albums formerly held by Katherine Gould.

New Business

Annual Meeting: The board discussed ideas for a speaker.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:29 p.m.

The next meeting will be on March 15, 2022.