

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

Minutes of Board Meeting June 21, 2022

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

Absent: Linda Elliott, Keith Herritt

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

Guests: Patrick Newell

Brenda Crotts called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the April 19 and May 17 meetings were approved. (Bomberg, Bergthold, approved.)

Reports

Treasurer: The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. CFOL investments have dropped considerably due to general financial conditions. The board approved renewal of Microsoft Office 365 for 5 users for another year at \$180.00. (Leek, Bomberg, approved.)

Book Sale: Nancy Leek reported that the May book sales brought in \$4017.07; year-to-date is \$55,102.47. On June 22, a reporter from the Enterprise-Record will interview Nancy, Diane, and Helen Sutton about the book sale. Nancy will send a thank-you note to the E-R for the free ads promoting the sale.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth Bergthold stated that the new Peterson Park LFL has been installed. She has received a large donation of children's books from Chapman Elementary.

Newsletter: Keith Herritt was absent; report postponed to next meeting.

Library Advisory Board: Margaret, now appointed to the Board, is planning to attend the next meeting on July 20 at 3 PM at the Oroville branch.

Librarian's Report: Jessie Spragge reported that the Summer Reading Programs are going well. The board agreed to spend \$5000 on a solid oak display case for the Children's Books section; this is an increase of amount previously approved due to superior quality of the furniture. (Friedman, Bomberg, approved.)

New Business

Space for Book Sale: Diane raised the ongoing issue of more space for the book sale, ie, for storage, processing, and the sale itself. The board discussed various solutions and obstacles, including the time and difficulty of persuading Butte County to put a modular building in the area behind the library. In the end, the board decided it would be better to explore renting a storefront. Nancy, Brenda, Margaret, and Diane will meet with a commercial real estate agent to research options.

Program for Nancy's New Book: The board discussed a plan for Nancy to present her new book, on African American pioneer and goldminer Alvin A. Coffey, at an after-school time presentation in the library meeting room sometime after the school year begins.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be July 19, 2022.