

Chico Friends of the Library

Minutes of Board Meeting 4-17-07 7:00

Attending: Susan Rauen, Macy Kelly, Margaret Bomberg, David Wilkinson, Barbara Seawall, Anne Nordhus, Linda Leahy, Margaret Petrovich, Debbie Cobb, Louise Agos, Gerald Davis, Susan Davis, John Few, Rob Atkinson, Marian Milling, Betty Forbes, Kathy McKee, Mary Wahl, Ann Elliott

Macy Kelly, President, called the meeting to order

Introductions: Kathy McKee – Book sale volunteer, Margaret Petrovich

Minutes Approved: 3-20-07 (m/s/c S. Davis, Bomberg)

Reports:

- 1) County Library Advisory Board – Marian Milling
 - a) Paradise visit ?
 - b) One goal of Board is to improve public relations
 - i) Planned giving brochure
 - ii) Get meeting televised on cable TV,
 - iii) Visits to supervisors – shows 3-2 against sales tax
 - iv) Considering Poll of voter approval
 - c) Report to supervisors put off until May 22
 - i) Request to all groups who use library to show up at meeting.
 - ii) Approximate time will be emailed
 - iii) Some supervisors question validity of libraries in modern world
 - d) Plan to invite Paul McIntosh, County Administrator, to June meeting
 - e) Next Meeting May 9 – Chico – Wed. 2:00 PM
 - f) Discussion regarding supervisors involvement in libraries
- 2) Treasurer's Report – Susan Davis (m/s/c/ Few/Seawall) attached
 - a) Moving money to UBS account
 - b) New Membership Drive over \$7500, more in April
- 3) Book Sale – Rob Atkinson
 - a) Good month
 - b) Rob wants rolling magazine rack to move magazines to foyer. Will look at state surplus for such. Authorized to purchase when find (m/s/c Bomberg/Wilkinson)
 - c) Expanded hours as of now produced one day sale of \$1200
 - d) Further expansion first weekend in May to final 9:30 to 12:00
 - e) Great volunteers
- 4) Newsletter – John Few
 - a) Next newsletter in June – deadline for articles June 1
 - b) Flyer announcing annual meeting w/officer nominations need soon
 - c) Donations – Shakespeare and Amer
- 5) Volunteer Report – Betty Forbes
 - a) 1st quarter report next month
- 6) Librarian

- a) National Library Week
 - i) Tonight – Amy Tan video conference
 - ii) National library workers day – Derek Wolfgram brought homemade cookies
- b) Telephone tree notification will get email enhancement
 - i) Saves much postage and paper
- c) Beautiful quilt display
- d) Children’s display case a hit
- e) Baby’s Love Books – lapsit – very successful – in combo w/Butte Co. literacy
- f) Request \$150, amended to \$250 for crafts for summer reading program (m/s/c Seawall/Wahl)

Old Business:

- 1) Annual Meeting (May 15th 7PM)
 - a) Annual report by president
 - b) Refreshments – Linda Leahy: cake – Mary Wahl: drinks
 - c) Décor – Linda and Anne
 - d) Publicity – Lois
 - e) Nominations – VP – Anne Nordhus, Treas. Susan Davis, President -?
 - f) Announcement 20 days before meeting.
- 2) Movie Licensing – Linda Leahy
 - a) \$1440/year – based on # of active patrons
 - b) \$2592/2 years – discount
 - c) look into joint w/ Paradise and Oroville
 - d) any group using library can use the license
 - e) Children’s program – especially summer family nights
 - f) Teens might use
 - g) 8 Classic movie dates planned beginning Sept 12 to next March (John, David & Joan)
 - h) Purchase 1-year license (m/s/c Wahl, Bomberg)
- 3) Bookmark contest – John Few
 - a) Awards given tomorrow at 3:30
 - b) Thanks for rules & such – Anne Nordhus, Ramona Flynn, Joan Olmstead, & John
 - c) Judges: Cheryl Hubbard, Joel Butler, Hanna Morovic, Macy Kelly, Ramona Flynn, and Margaret Bomberg
- 4) Goals and projects for the coming year – discussion
 - a) Seawall
 - i) Work w/ Derek Wolfgram (Butte Co. library director) to define what services county is covering and what we can enhance.
 - ii) Fall Festival
 - iii) Classic Film
 - iv) Library Awareness
 - b) Bomberg
 - i) Support what is designed by library staff
 - ii) Continued book focus groups

- (1)Mystery book club
- (2)Science Fiction – expand collection
- iii)Leahy – shortages in Science Fiction- Fantasy and Westerns
- iv) Few – Poll of what people would like to see at library
- v) Agos – teen or adult volunteers to conduct survey
- vi) Rauen- Derek is organizing fiction purchases w/standing orders and dividing up by circulation
- vii) Few – List of volunteers from membership to help out with Friends Activities
 - (1)Request for specific task
 - (2)Make a list of possible activities
- viii) Elliott – Fall Festival Date set for October 13
- ix) Leahy – Expansion of library & new computer lab

New Business:

- 1) Financial comment – Gerald Davis
 - a) Hire a space planner
 - b) Susan says she will set up a meeting with us and Derek to answer questions regarding branch's future
- 2) Susan described the visit to the new Redding Library
 - i) Built with state grant, funds raised by Friends and McConnell Foundation 20.6 million
 - ii) Boxy, sustainable arch, plants on roof, solar
 - iii) All automated
 - iv) March circulation – 45,000 books (we regularly circulate 38,000)
 - v) Hired another 9 employees to supplement existing 28
 - vi) Full time outreach and volunteer coordinator
 - vii) Room for book sale
 - viii) Children's room with story room and garden
 - ix) 8 meeting rooms
 - (1)some utilitarian
 - (2)some more cozy w/ fireplaces
 - x) 66 public access computers in various places throughout library
 - xi) Managed by private library corporation
 - xii) Employees have fewer benefits to city/county employees
 - xiii) Similar hours to ours
 - xiv) Must maintain service to continue qualification for state grant
- 3) Gerald Proposes to move \$70,000 to building fund (m/s/c G. Davis/Seawall)
 - i) \$20,000 from unallocated funds
 - ii) \$50,000 from net receipts
- 4) Ice Cream social by Rebekah Lodge set for one Saturday in June

Adjourn 8:35

Next meeting – Annual Meeting May 15th