

CHICO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2008

Present: Rob Atkinson, Margaret Bomberg, Debbie Cobb, Gerald Davis, Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, Fé Howard, Linda Leahy, Marian Milling, Anne Morris, Anne Nordhus, Joan Olmstead, Mary Wahl

INTRODUCTION: Paul Wesbecher

President Ann Elliott called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Minutes of the August meeting were reviewed and approved. (M/S/C Mary, Susan D.)

ADDITIONS TO AGENDA

REPORTS

Treasurer: Susan D. distributed and reviewed the current statements. Items in the miscellaneous category were our share of the survey and cost of website registration. Treasurer's report was approved. (M/S/C Anne N., Linda)

Book Sale: (Rob) Book sale revenue has been \$1,100 for two weeks in a row, thanks to the pricing guidelines and the fact that only quality items are being sold. Three hundred books have been set aside for the Fall Festival, and tables will be available. Projects: donation guidelines to share with Susan R. and staff; find more sorters; open new negotiations with Desa Design; redo gift certificates; work with Diane on website. Mary suggested it might be a good time for a newspaper article about the book sale.

County Advisory Board: (Marian) The countywide survey begins next week. Questions will also be posted on the website for input and comments from people who are not part of the formal survey. A joint Friends meeting is planned for September 29 at the Chico Chamber of Commerce offices. The October Advisory Board meeting will be held in Oroville.

ONGOING BUSINESS

Cookbook: (Susan D.) Thanks to Debbie for her work with the printers and to the typists for making the cookbook look terrific. Vivian Millis will sell copies at the Fall Festival, and Susan will discuss library sales with Susan Rau. Prospective bakers signed up to bring cookies made from recipes in the book.

Fall Festival: Marian has lined up five local authors and will be contacting more. Susan D. and Mary are working on canopies for the authors. Ann E. has arranged for musicians. Girl Scout troops and almost a dozen high school Key Club students have signed up to help. Joan is handling beverages, and Papa Murphy will supply the pizzas. The cakewalk is still a possibility. Publicity: Mary will have press releases for the media and flyers for preschools and private

schools. Ann E. has gotten approval for distribution of flyers at CUSD schools. Debbie gave pointers for arranging television interviews and placement on community calendar.

Classic Movies: The movie listing is posted on the online calendar.

Craft Sale: Diane has arranged for baked goods to be sold at the craft sale.

Directional Signs: The total cost for four Library signs and arrows comes to \$542.69. The City has committed to providing brackets, poles, and labor, and hopefully the signs will be installed at the beginning of 2009. *Expenditure of \$542.69 approved for signage. (M/S/C Margaret, Debbie)* (From minutes of 2/10/08 meeting: the sign locations are First Avenue and Mangrove, First Avenue and Esplanade, Mangrove and Cohasset, and the Longfellow Y.)

Job Descriptions: Job descriptions are needed for officers and chairs, in particular for Membership Chair and Publicity Chair. Mary agreed to take responsibility for Publicity Chair description.

Membership Drive: We need to decide “how expensive, how extensive.” We can’t rely on City money, need to attract community support. Past experience shows that purchasing a mailing list is definitely worthwhile. Hopefully we can use information from the survey.

Trivia Bee: Literacy Services has scheduled the Bee for November 7 with the goal of providing free books for elementary schools. *CFOL will sponsor a team for the Trivia Bee with Marian Milling as team captain. (M/S/C Linda, Margaret).* Linda will speak with Sheryl about recruiting a teen to help in the sadly understaffed pop culture area. Susan D. will remit the application and entry fee.

NEW BUSINESS: Guest Paul Wesbecher requested support for an effort to place paperback books in the county jail. Rob prepares a box of books monthly, but transporting them is an issue. The possibility of requesting the use of the county courier was raised.

NEXT MEETING: OCTOBER 21, 2008

Meeting adjourned at 8:25 p.m.

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