

Chico Friends of the Library Minutes
Emergency Meeting Monday, June 29, 4 P.M.

Present: Ann Elliott, Anne Nordhus, Marian Milling, Rob Atkinson, Linda Leahy, Fe Howard, Mary Wahl, Joan Olmstead; Guests: Roger Pearson, Councilman Larry Wahl, Diane Friedman, John Few.

Since this was not a regular monthly meeting the standard meeting format was not followed, i.e. no “New Business” or “Old Business,” etc.

Meeting was called to order at 4:02

New Hours for the library were announced, they are: 9-8 Tuesday – Thursday; 9-4:30 Friday and Saturday; closed Sunday and Monday. This is a total of 48 hours per week.

Staff losses – It was announced that Sheryl Hubbard and Sue Walz will be transferring to Paradise. Leahy and Few questioned how we as an organization might be able to keep staff members that are of a definite benefit to the Chico branch library. Roger Pearson, Interim County Librarian suggested that the CFOL meeting was not a forum to discuss such decisions of the former country librarian,. The transfer, “bumping” and laying-off of individuals was decided strictly on seniority in conjunction with the number of hours of operation per branch. This can change as the ebb and flow of the state financial situation continues to effect all concerned.

Mary Wahl asked that should we get the hours back from the Chico City Council will we be able to bring back the loses that the branch is experiencing, which led to a discussion of the July 7 Chico City Council meeting.

Larry Wahl was asked about money that might be available from projects that are currently in “limbo.” He detailed several areas where money might be used for the library instead of current fiscal plans to use said money elsewhere.

The Board thanked David Little for his support of the library via the local newspaper, the Chico Enterprise Record.

It was decided that flyers will be handed out at the library on Monday July 6 to those who show up not realizing the library is closed. It is hoped that this will encourage individuals to show up at the Council meeting on the 7th. A sign sheet was passed around the room.

A motion to continue to have a contract with Nancy Leek to conduct Story time and work in the Children’s Room on Fridays throughout the months of July and August was made. So approved.

Olmstead raised a question concerning the signing a contract with the consultants for the campaign to have a tax on the 2010 ballot. There was some confusion regarding this as

the committee consists of county citizens, the County Library Advisory Committee and various members of the county's Friends of the Library. There was also concern about here the money will be coming from to pay the consultants. Milling suggested that there will be "fund raisers" in the future to pay the consultants.

Announcement: There will be a meeting of the Campaign Committee on July 8, 2009 in Chico at 1:00 p.m., followed by a Butte County Library Advisory Committee meeting at 2:00 p.m.

There will be a joint meeting of the Library Advisory Committee and the Friends of the Library groups on July 22. No place or time was announced. Check the website for further information regarding this.