

**CHICO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**December 14, 2009**

Present: Margaret Bomberg, Debbie Cobb Ceriani, Gerald Davis, Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, Betty Forbes, Diane Friedman, Fé Howard, Linda Leahy, Al Luedecke, Rupert McDowell, Marian Milling, Anne Morris, Anne Nordhus, Joan Olmstead, Susan Rauen  
Guests: Fred Antonowich, Carl Becker, Jane Dolan, Carolyn Dorn, Julie Lynch

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the November meeting were approved. (M/S/C Leahy, Nordhus)

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer:** The monthly ballot sheet was distributed. Raffle tickets, Christmas Buy the Book, and Craft Faire proceeds already exceed last year's. Faithful Friend Barbara Seawall sent a check for \$3,000. Joan Olmstead and Diane Friedman were thanked for driving the Craft Faire to its continued success. In recognition of their aid to our financial wellbeing, Susan Davis moved that Barbara, Joan and Diane have their names placed on the recognition board. (M/S/C Morris, Ceriani) Treasurer's report was approved. (M/C Howard, Ceriani)

**Librarian:** The library will close at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and New Year's Eve. Book sale will not be held on December 26, 2009, but will be held January 2, 2010. Christmas Buy the Book is having more support than ever. Extra help on Tuesdays and Saturdays is working wonders; the funding is greatly appreciated. Although the budget has decreased by 23%, library use has only dropped by 2% since the reduction in staff.

**Book Sale:** Jerry reported that the book sale continues to earn over \$1,000 per week.

**County Library Advisory Board:** Ann Elliott reported for Marian Milling. A copy of Director Linda Mielke's reports on collection agency, e-books, and budget strategies were sent to the Board. The updated action plan and goals were distributed.

The January LAB meeting will be held Chico on January 13, at 2:00 p.m. Linda Mielke will be present to discuss the proposed changes there and at the joint LAB/FOL meeting immediately following. Any questions should be e-mailed to Deborah Holmes by January 6. This is an open meeting, all are welcome.

**ONGOING/NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consultant Carl Becker and Fred Antonowich of the Love Your Library Committee updated the Board on progress and proposals.
  - A. They are working as a composite of all the Friends groups and request support. First order of business is a fundraising and awareness raising letter to influential community leaders and all Friends. After discussion the Board voted to support the

Love Your Library Committee's action plan, mission statement, and letter. (M/S/C Bomberg, McDowell)

- B. It is understood that a financial commitment will also be involved; however, the committee is not asking for any money at this time.
  - C. Membership Committee Volunteers (no one can do it all): Ann Elliott asked the Board to consider how much time per month we are willing to spend in getting new CFOL members.
2. Library Director's Report: Ann Elliott said the Library Advisory Board was pleased to get so much information before the January meeting. Items from this report will be discussed at the next Library Advisory Board meeting, (Wed. Jan 13, 2 p.m., Chico Library) and probably also at the joint LAB/Friends meeting that directly follows it.
- Concern was expressed over proposed changes to microfilming. The CFOL originally purchased the machine and has paid for maintenance over the years until last year when it was absorbed in the County budget. Susan Rauen advised that Chico Branch has been able to continue paying for maintenance from printing funds. The questions of maintenance, printing (proposal: all at Oroville Branch), and availability will be discussed.
3. Craft Faire: marvelous job, thanks to all who helped.
4. Quilt Raffle: More tickets have been printed and sales are expected to easily exceed \$1,000. Julie Lynch will provide a revolving ticket drum to display the tickets (and from which the winner will be chosen). Carolyn Dorn offered to sell tickets at the Saturday book sale. Quilt raffle tickets will be picked on Saturday.
5. Library Sponsors Update:
- A. Soroptimist International: This was a dedicated gift of \$20,000 with \$14,000 intended for extra help and \$6,000 for computer upgrades. Any confusion about this will be cleared up. The banner will go up in front of the building and stay up indefinitely.
  - B. City of Chico: Distribution of extra money available to the City is still up in the air.
  - C. Discovery Shoppe: They will vote on Thursday, December 17, and will announce the beneficiary in January.

Meeting Adjourned 8:10 p.m.

#### **NEXT MEETING**

The next CFOL meeting will be held January 19, 2010.

alm