

**CHICO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY**  
**BOARD MEETING MINUTES**  
**March 16, 2010**

Present: Margaret Bomberg, Gerald Davis, Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, John Few\*, Diane Friedman\*, Fé Howard, Linda Leahy, Al Luedecke, Marian Milling, Anne Morris, Anne Nordhus, Joan Olmstead, Susan Rauen    Guests: Jane Dolan, Carolyn Dorn, Cyndi Ledet, Julie Lynch

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of the February 16, 2010 meeting were accepted. (M/S/C Bomberg,Nordhus)

**REPORTS**

**Treasurer:** The treasurer's report was accepted. (M/S/C Bomberg, Leahy)

**Librarian:** Susan R. presented updated information on new happenings at the library. Unique, the professional collection process, began March 1 and long-lost items are already being returned. New DVDs will be available shortly at a rental of \$1 for three days. These are on a first-come, first-served basis. After six months they will enter the free collection. The prospect of new DVDs is causing more people to apply for cards.

Census Bureau employees will staff a table in the front hall to assist people in filling out the U. S. Census form.

Linda Mielke drew funds that made it possible for Oliver to represent us at the Public Library Association meeting in Portland starting March 23.

The library will be closed March 31 to commemorate Cesar Chavez Day.

Both summer programs have been booked: autoharp virtuoso Adam Miller will perform on June 17 and Wild Things will return on July 7.

**Book Sale:** Susan D. reported that the book sale made \$1,600 last week including \$400 from the Tsarist Imperial Dynasty.

Joan mentioned the loss of revenue for the five Saturdays the library is closed in 2010. She asked if the CFOL could pay for an employee to work in the staff workroom for four hours so that the sale might be held. Susan R. will check into it. (Net profit would be book sale return minus the cost of four employee hours.)

**County Advisory Board:** Marian was interviewed for Comcast's on-air community newsletter. Interviews are scheduled at 24 minutes after the hour on CNN. Look for Marian's appearance in April discussing National Library Week. Theme for Library Week 2010 is *Communities Thrive at the Library*.

A long range planning committee is being formed, consisting of representatives from library and community. The Advisory Board is looking for community members to meet once a month for an estimated six months. John and Diane might be interested.

**ONGOING AND NEW BUSINESS:**

**Betty Forbes:** We were saddened by Betty Forbes' passing and wish to commemorate her many

\* nonvoting

contributions to the library and to the Friends. It was agreed to donate eight books to the library in Betty's name. (M/S/C Bomberg, Davis) Susan R. will consult with Betty's daughters to see what would be most appropriate. We will also add her name to the plaque of donors.

**Volunteer Statistics:** We will also need a new volunteer coordinator to do quarterly statistics on Excel. (This item will be on the next agenda.)

**Spring Fundraiser:** Teen volunteer Cyndi Ledet cited the number of services and activities no longer offered in the library and suggested some fundraisers. She would like to help with this before she moves away later this spring. After discussion it was decided to have a car wash and bake sale on May 15<sup>th</sup>. Ann E. and Cyndi will fine tune the details by next week. A key will be needed to open the water spigots, and members will supply hoses. Details to follow.

**Membership drive activities:** Friends and Love Your Library drummed up support at the Grandma's Attic antique appraisal, a Barnes & Noble book fair benefiting the libraries, and the Paula Poundstone performance. They will also be present at the science fair

**Building committee:** A new - or revived - building committee is needed to consider possibilities for future expansion. We need to define what is important to us. Creative thinking is welcome: for example, instead of building a facility, we might wish to have a small branch in an affordable building. How to accomplish this, and how to staff it, are the main issues. The committee would meet once or twice a month. The plan is to form a search committee at the next meeting.

**Nominating Committee:** The committee is contacting potential candidates. The slate will need to be ready by May for the *Carrel*.

**Speaker for End-of-Year Meeting:** Various names were proposed, all qualified and interesting. Al will contact Mike Magliari and report back to Ann E. next week. Margaret will contact Michele Shover next if needed.

**Fall Festival:** October 16 is the date, rain or shine. The conference room is reserved in case of rain. At the April meeting we'll identify a chairperson to delegate responsibilities.

**Chess Books:** High school senior Michael Nielsen, who teaches chess, has provided a list of chess books and chess clubs. Motion made that we purchase books on the list and acknowledge him in several books. (M/S/C Bomberg, S. Davis) John Few will be the contact.

**Scholarships:** Some recognition, scholarships or awards, to teen volunteers is in order. Details will be discussed at the April meeting.

**Plaques:** Susan D. will arrange for gold plaques honoring Soroptimist and the Discovery Shop.

**Budget Update:** Jane Dolan reported on a Board of Supervisors budget meeting. Basically, funding for this year is stable with no additional cuts in services. The future, of course, remains to be seen.

Meeting adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING: APRIL 20, 7:00 P.M.** Please think about how one (or more?) of these might suit your talents: Building Committee, Fall Festival, Teen Fundraiser, Volunteer Coordinator.

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