

CHICO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2010

Present: Rob Atkinson, Margaret Bomberg, Debbie Cobb Ceriani, Gerald Davis, Ann Elliott, John Few, Diane Friedman, Fé Howard, Linda Leahy, Al Luedecke, Rupert McDowell, Marian Milling, Anne Morris, Anne Nordhus, Joan Olmstead, Susan Rauen Guests: Jane Dolan, Carolyn Dorn, Don Kidd, Julie Lynch

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Minutes of the March 16, 2010 meeting were approved. (M/S/C Milling, Leahy)

REPORTS

Treasurer: Gerald distributed monthly financial information and advised that donations honoring Betty Forbes came to \$1,700. Report approved. (M/S/C Howard, Leahy)

Librarian:

Self checkout is available at one station in Chico on a trial basis.

The County plans to install a defibrillator in the library.

All display cabinets are being used. New quilt display will be installed next week.

The new DVDs are very popular.

Book Sale: (Rob) Donations are down a little. Rob confirmed with Susan Rauen that, because of heat issues, it will be okay to open the exterior door of the community room during book sales. Rob will be away for part of the summer.

County Advisory Board: (Marian)

- Planned giving will hopefully become a significant source of funds. Please advise if we need more brochures.
- Linda Mielke has applied for a grant for library services for the “over 50” population.
- Unique has recovered \$10,000 in library materials and \$3,300 in fines. We are right on target.
- Linda M. would like a staff development day on a day when libraries are closed. Library Advisory Board suggested a Monday.
- Sierra Nevada generously donated \$10,000 - unsolicited! Any FOL member can send thanks.
- We are encouraged to use the Serra Nevada money to seek matching funds for rental books. Linda M. advised that having the latest and greatest is what brings people to libraries. Linda would like the CFOL to contribute \$5,000 toward this venture. The other FOLs have indicated that they are not interested. Monthly rental fees are charged to the libraries, not to the patrons, and borrowing is strictly on a “no hold” basis similar to the rental DVDs.

ONGOING AND NEW BUSINESS

Public Library Association conference, Portland. Oliver gave a terrific overview and distributed a handout with details. He brought back several good ideas to implement, along with better ways to serve library users.

Membership drive events (LYL and FOLs):

- Volunteers at Science Fair March 31; Barnes & Noble Book Fair earned \$750; Paula Poundstone event is expected to net \$900 - plus it's all exposure. Per Susan Rauen, we have had 100 more new patrons each month in 2010. May 2 is bocce ball tournament at Red Tavern to benefit KZFR and literacy.
- Weekly presence at Butte College Road Runner Market, talking up the libraries and taking library card applications: Rupert and Joan have covered this event, but need more volunteers. Scheduled for weekend of 4/24: Don Kidd Saturday 4/24, 9:00-2:00; Al and Joan 11:30-2:00. Rupert will contact people to man booths.
- July 4 celebration at One Mile 7:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.: Do we want a booth? *This will be on the agenda for June 15. Sign-ups are needed by June 24.*

Building Exploration: Tabled. Eventual goal is a branch for browsing collections.

Nominating Committee: Thank you to John Few and Gerald and Susan Davis for doing this. Candidates have been chosen for Secretary and At-Large representatives. (We're still looking for a President - Ann E. is too hard an act to follow. It's possible the bylaws will allow more flexibility in term of service. Nominating Committee will explore this.)

Annual Meeting May 18: Short business meeting followed by speaker Dr. Michele Shover. Refreshments so far: Joan, Debbie and Ann E.: fun cookies and fun brownies. Linda and John will supply iced tea and water. Additional contributions are welcome.

Fall Festival: Kevin Barry will provide musical entertainment. Ernie Ritt has been contacted about steel drum performance. We still need a Fall Festival Chairperson.

Raley's REACH Program: Diane took the initiative to include us in this fundraiser. \$7,500 will be awarded to the nonprofit with the most votes. Sign up on the website and vote daily. Flyers will be available at circulation and Diane will arrange for the link to be included on our web page.

NEXT MEETING: MAY 18, 7:00 P.M. Short but important business meeting followed by guest speaker Michele Shover.

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