

Chico Friends of the Library Annual Meeting Minutes

May 17, 2011

Members in attendance

Rob Atkinson	Carolyn Dorn	Don Kidd	Anne Nordhus
Margaret Bomberg	Ann Elliott	Linda Leahy	Joan Olmstead
Debbie Cobb	John Few	Al Luedecke	Susan Rauen
Gerald Davis	Diane Friedman	Rupert McDowell	Mary Wahl
Susan Davis	Fe Howard	Marian Milling	

Guests

Linda Mielke, Butte County Library Director, and many others. The room was full.

Meeting called to order

Marian Milling called the meeting to order at 7PM.

Reports

Marian Milling reported on CFOL activities for the 2010-2011 year. Please see the attached handout for Marian's report (What do the friends of the library do.PDF).

Ongoing and New Business

New Officers were elected:

Rupert McDowell was elected to the office of **Vice president**.

Susan Davis was reelected to the office of **Treasurer**.

Two board members left the board:

Al Luedecke retired from the board.

John Few's term as Vice President is over, and he has retired from the board.

Nancy Leek, Author

Nancy Leek was our guest speaker. She talked about how she came to write her book JOHN BIDWELL: THE ADVENTUROUS LIFE OF A CALIFORNIA PIONEER. She talked about his life and how he was important to Chico and how his impact is still evident in Chico's culture.

Next meeting June 21, 2011, 7PM

Chico Friends of the Library

The Mission Statement of the Friends is... to promote the services and needs of the Chico Branch of the Butte County Library, and

- to make and stimulate others to make gifts and bequests to the Chico Branch Library;
- to remind our community of the value of books and libraries;
- to focus public attention on the services and needs of the Chico library.

What do the Friends of the Library do??

During the past 10 months, the Chico Friends have:

- Received \$60,500 from book sales, memberships, memorials & gifts, and \$2000 from other fundraisers (Craft Faire, Fall Festival, etc.)
- Contributed over \$23,000 for new books and materials
- Contributed over \$7500 for extra staff hours
- Had weekly (Sat. morning) book sales and “First Friday” members-only book sales that generate revenue to give to the library
- Paid for special children’s programs (PoemCrazy, Uni and Her Ukelele, more to come in June)
- Held successful events--Fall Festival, Craft Fair, Quilt Raffle
- Sponsored a Literacy Trivia Bee Team
- Conducted a bookmark contest with prizes for kids
- Published a regular newsletter and Facebook book postings to members
- Been a community partner through participation in—
 - Barnes & Noble Bookfairs
 - Soroptimists Spring Home & Garden Show
 - Chico Japan Friendship Club Fundraiser
 - Roadrunner Community Market
 - Ben & Jerry’s annual Free Cone Day
- Met monthly (except Dec.) on the 3rd Tuesday at 7 pm at the library

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