

CHICO FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
BOARD MEETING MINUTES
JANUARY 15, 2013

Members in attendance:

Margaret Bomberg
~~Debbie Cobb~~
Patti Conlin
Gerald Davis
Susan Davis

Ann Elliott
Diane Friedman
Fe Howard
Don Kidd
Linda Leahy

Rupert McDowell
Marian Milling
Joan Ohlmstead
Sarah Vantrease
Mary Wahl

Guests: Mel Lightbody, Butte County Library Director; *Carey Gross*, Butte County Literacy Program

Meeting Called to order

Rupert McDowell called the meeting to order at 6:44 PM.

Approval of minutes

November, 2012, Minutes approved (m/s/c Elliott/Kidd).

Treasurer's report

The November 30, 2012, and December 31, 2012, Treasurer's reports approved (m/s/c Kidd/Leahy).

Susan Davis, Treasurer, reports over \$50K received from book sale in 2012 calendar year. Also, recently, there were two large donations and several donations in honor of a deceased volunteer (Ruby Soderstrom).

Decision was made to transfer \$24K to the Building Fund (m/s/c Kidd/Elliott).

Librarian's report

We failed to schedule the library meeting room for our regular board meetings in 2013, resulting in no meeting place for several months in the first half of 2013. **Sarah Vantrease**, Librarian, will help us out by calling the people that have the room scheduled for February, May, and June to see if she can reschedule the room for us. Thanks, Sarah!

Sarah is settling in nicely. She reports that there have been several good book donations which she has included in the library's collection. She used the Christmastime Buy the Book money to buy 70 more books for the library, many of them focusing on education (GED, etc.).

There were 122 active volunteers in December, with 1000 volunteer hours reported.

Sarah is working on a partnership with Michelle Kelly, school librarian of Chico Elementary School District. Sarah expects the 3rd grade library tours to resume next school year (2014).

Mel Lightbody, County Library Director, reports that Biggs doesn't have a friends group and Ms. Lightbody would appreciate any book sale donation overflow being sent to Biggs.

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Ms. Lightbody is changing her schedule so she will visit our board meeting every other month, and there were no objections; however, Rupert asked her to be sure to attend the CFOL Annual meeting.

Ms. Lightbody reports there are vocal advocates for library accessibility resulting in the library's need for a Zoom Text 10 program for one of the public PCs. Said computer program also needs camera and clamp accessories. County IT department expects the cost to be around \$1100. Board decided to fund the program and accessories (m/s/c Bomberg/Kidd).

Carey Gross, County Literacy Program, reports the Wednesday baby program at the Chico branch is popular. The Literacy Coach hosted over 1000 young people on coach tours. Literacy Program helps teach adults to read. Carey is asking for CFOL help in community outreach – she gave us cards and posters to circulate and says she can send digital images for our web site. Regarding adult literacy, board member Patti Conlin is a teaching volunteer and reports that one of her students even learned how to text via mobile phone.

Carey is grateful for our help on the 2012 Trivia Bee. Since the CFOL team won, she presented us with a plaque. The Trivia Bee raised almost \$11K, but they haven't paid the bills yet so it will be a little less in the end. Carey would love some big sponsors of the Trivia Bee.

Book Sale report

Anne Elliott reports the book sale is doing well, financially, but they could use some strong men to help with the tear down at 11:30 on Saturdays. Book sale is working on sending more of the extra books to local groups in Chico.

Don Kidd reports the Bayliss Library would like some of our overflow, and he volunteered to take the books to them.

Library Advisory report – none.

Ongoing and New Business

Rob Atkinson Memorial: still in progress by Margaret Bomberg and Debbie Cobb.

Joint FOL meeting report: none.

Bylaws: The committee (Kidd, McDowell, Bomberg, GDavis and Milling) have not met. There was some discussion in the meeting about whether or not the officers are counted in the 7-9 board members. The committee will meet and determine how best to clarify the bylaws. Ann Elliott suggested the Standing Rules should be updated as well.

Jigsaw Puzzles: Marian Milling reports the puzzles are at the manufacturer, and Don Kidd confirmed he will store them. We have sold about 4 Ferchaud posters since July. Mary Wahl reports Bidwell puzzles sold well in the UPS store, so puzzles should sell better than the prints.

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Suggestion box: Staff suggested we have a suggestion box. Sarah thinks it's a good idea. We could make it or buy it cheaply. Don volunteered to make it. Sarah doesn't know that we need to make a box. Rupert/Don/Sarah will decide how to do it.

Love Your Library: February is love your library month. Chico branch staff will decorate, maybe give out hearts so people could say how they love the library, hearts to be displayed in the library.

Membership month in February: Rupert suggests we wear our Love Your Library t-shirts everywhere possible in February. If you don't have one, then one can be purchased from Marian Milling.

Cupcake Sale: Rupert would like to be present if the real estate office which had a Cupcake sale last year is planning to do it again this year. Marian will give Rupert the name of the real estate lady.

Paperback book spinner: Margaret Bomberg reports we need to have 3 or 4 new paperback book spinners. Sarah showed us a Demco catalogue item which was \$1.8K each. We decided to authorize purchase of 3 paperback book spinners, not more than \$6K (m/s/c Wahl/Kidd). Rupert knows the Demco representative and will ask if we can get a better deal than catalog price.

Annual Meeting: We need suggestions for speakers. Ann suggests a local short story author. Also, there are authors from last year that we couldn't get.

Rupert closed the meeting at 8 PM.

Next meeting: February 19, 2013, third Tuesday of the month, 7 PM.