

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes

March 15, 2016

Present: Margaret Bomberg, Debbie Cobb, Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, Diane Friedman, Katherine Gould, Rupert McDowell, Marian Milling, Jen Rold, Mary Wahl. Absent: Patti Conlin, Brenda Crotts, Nancy Leek.

Guests: Mohammad Khaki, Paul Wesbecher, Tommy

Meeting was called to order by President Diane Friedman at 7:02 pm.

Minutes: AE(m), SD(s) all ayes. Minutes approved as presented.

Reports

Treasurer's Report: Many membership renewals are coming in that are not reflected in the report. The annual donations to date are large because Annie B's and Chico grant funds were deposited. Book sale revenues are down slightly due to fewer books sales because of library holiday closings on Saturdays.

Miscellaneous Communications

Pres. Friedman read a letter of resignation from former board member Ramona Peters.

Staff member Ricardo Ramirez came in to thank CFOL for its support of his foreign language programs and collection development at Chico in the past few years. He is leaving at end of March to start a position with Sacramento Public Library system. Ricardo mentioned that bilingual storytimes now have 60 people per week.

Each CFOL member received a flyer inviting them to the annual volunteer lunch on March 23. Copies were on the meeting table in front of each chair.

Mary Wahl reported that a letter had been sent to the county supervisors asking for \$140,000 in next year's budget to restore lost hours at Chico. Larry Wahl drafted the letter.

Library Report: In absence of branch manager Crotts, Marian summarized the February monthly statistics (attached). A memo has been received by CFOL alerting that there may be additional funds needed to remodel the circulation desk to accommodate the upcoming RFID technology. MB(m), DC(s) a motion that states CFOL supports necessary funding for remodel of the circulation desk. All ayes.

LAB: The Sustainable Funding subcommittee is going to propose to the LAB the possibility of a sales tax measure to provide additional funding for the library system. As asked, Library administration has drawn up a "dream" budget about twice the size of the current budget, showing budget categories and personnel. This tentative budget raises more questions about the shape of a future library system. The group will meet again on Wednesday, March 16.

Book Sale:

Guest Paul Wesbecher accompanied by Tommy requested a donation of books for a Homeless Connect event at the fairgrounds on Wednesday, April 27 from 10-3. He said that the library bike would be there and further library presence is desired. The Friends will be given recognition. Ann Elliott identified herself as the liaison to the book sale and asked Paul for contact information so she can follow up.

Newsletter: It's that time again—there will be an April issue and the deadline for it is March 29. Articles should be emailed both to jen.rolld@gmail.com and mcgiggglek@gmail.com. Assignments for next issue:

Nominations: Marian, Annual Meeting: Diane, Budget: Ann, Volunteer Opportunities/Cupcake Sale:Rupert, Summer Programs: Kimberlee Wheeler, Spanish-speakers book club: Julissa, Coloring Group: Katherine, Volunteer Lunch/Honors Volunteers: Marian and others.

New and Ongoing Business

Nominating Committee: Katherine Gould and Rupert McDowell reported that all current board members will continue next year and Marian has agreed to be secretary. A president-elect has not yet been found. Discussion followed about the need to recruit new members to CFOL. Taking out an ad in local papers was proposed, and Marian is inquiring about costs. DC(m), MB(s) to spend not more than \$400 for an ad or ads. All ayes. A copy of the ad when complete will be posted in the library. Debbie Cobb volunteered to work on the ad, and Ann Eliot will design a poster based on the ad.

Annual Meeting: Potential speakers —Dan Barnett, George Keithly, and Nancy Weigman—names from our last meeting were brought forward along with a new name—Catriona McPherson. McPherson is the author of fiction and mystery titles and has a new book coming out, and was suggested by Kelsey McGee. Catriona was chosen as first to approach. DC(m), Rm(s) to offer a stipend up to \$200 to her. (She has since accepted the engagement and the stipend). The annual meeting is May 17.

Cupcake Sale: The sale is on Wednesday, May 4 from 11 am-2pm at Century 21 office on El Monte. The contact person is Doug Love. Donations of items for the raffle are needed. CFOL members are encouraged to contribute cupcakes. They can be dropped off at the office the morning of the event.

Meeting adjourned at 8:53 pm.

The next meeting is Tuesday, April 26, 2016. Note change of date for meeting—due to a conflict with the Book in Common speaker on the usual 3rd Tuesday date.