

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes

June 21, 2016

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

Guests: Laura Willman, Lisa Duarte, Penny Evenson

Meeting was called to order by President Diane Friedman at 7:00 pm.

Introductions were made around the table. For the benefit of guests, each member told about how that became a board member.

Reports:

Treasurer: Nearly \$100,000 is being held in the checking account in anticipation of bills to be paid when the RFID remodel project begins soon.

Minutes: Minutes of the April and May meetings were approved as presented. KG/m, SD/s to approve minutes. All ayes.

Book Sale: Internet sales are significant. One book sold online was retrieved from the trash and ended up selling for about \$900. There was a ceiling leak in the conference room during the rain on June 17; six boxes of paperback books for the book sale were ruined. (Since this happened, the roof was repaired.)

Librarian: Above rain damage was described in more detail. The library's movie license is up for renewal at a cost (Chico's share) of \$703. Movies are shown weekly on Sundays and at other special programs sponsored by the library. DC/m, MB/s to pay \$703 to renew the license for one year. All ayes. An update on the remodel: draft plans are completed and are being reviewed by North Star. After that, they will go to the county board for approval and finally work will begin--perhaps in the next month. Two mobile RFID machines are coming soon also, costs not yet determined. These will allow staff to start tagging items with RFID codes. Statistics were shared. (copy attached) Cardholders now number 58,916. Self check was 68.4% of checkouts in May.

Library Advisory Board: A copy of the library system's proposed long range plan if a tax measure were passed was sent around. This plan was made in response to a request from the Sustainable Funding Committee of the LAB so that they would have some talking points beyond mere numbers. Next meeting of LAB is July 20.

Newsletter: The next Carrel will come out in July; the deadline for articles is July 1. Topics to be covered in this issue are Annie B's drive (10th year), summary of the annual meeting (Marian), Library hours and budget (Diane), Cupcake sale (Laura), and movies (Katherine). Articles should be emailed to Jen (jen.rold@gmail.com) and to Kelsey McGee for editing (mcgiggglek@gmail.com).

Other

City Grant: an application has been submitted for a new overhead projector for the conference room.

Membership: Membership dues are about \$4000 less this fiscal year than they were last year at the same time. Is a membership drive needed? The answer was “yes” with some discussion of how to go about one. Details will be worked out by the October meeting. A drive may coincide with the usual “Love Your Library” membership drive in February.

Library Budget: The County’s budget which includes financing for the library will be passed in its final form at the county board meeting on Tuesday, June 28 with discussion beginning at 1 pm. Library supporters are encouraged to attend this meeting.

Canvas Bags: CFOL approved spending \$1000 for bags at the March meeting. Marian has inventoried and investigated. There are currently no canvas bags left, and there are 60 red nylon Chico Bags. Several examples of canvas bags obtainable from Chico Bag were shown. They are not the same quality as past bags. With bags available many places now, it was decided not to purchase more canvas bags. Nylon bags will be reordered when the inventory dwindles.

Quilt Drawing: This annual event needs a chairperson. Margaret Bomberg stepped forward for that. A quilt has been received already for the annual drawing held in December. There was some question of whether it was from Annie’s Star Guild, and that will be answered. Ann Elliott will take pictures of the quilt to have for publicity, and the quilt will be on display in the library prior to the promotion.

Author Appearance: Lisa Simons, author of a book on the history of Faribault Mills in Minnesota, will speak at the library on Wed., June 22. CFOL is the official sponsor of this event, and refreshments will be provided by those members who volunteered.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:28.

Next Meeting is Tuesday, July 19.