

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes

March 21, 2017

Present: Margaret Bomberg, Patti Conlin, Ann Elliott, Nancy Leek, Rupert McDowell, Marian Milling, Brenda Crotts.

Absent: Debbie Cobb, Susan Davis, Katherine Gould, Jen Rold, Mary Wahl.

Guests: Laura Willman, Century 21

Meeting was called to order by President Ann Elliott at 7 pm. Welcome and Introductions were made.

Condolences were expressed for Susan Davis and Katherine Gould who have suffered falls.

Reports and Business

Treasurer: No report in absence of treasurer. Susan did submit that memberships stand at \$8177.50 at this time which is ahead of last year same time.

Minutes: Minutes were approved as presented (MB moved, NL seconded). All ayes.

Book Sale: February profits were \$6028. Internet sales continue to be brisk; an accounting of them for Jan.-Feb. was passed around.

Librarian's Report: Plans are moving ahead for the Maker Space. Brenda and Ann will go to Oroville on March 22 to see preliminary drawings. A flyer was passed around announcing that CA poet laureate Dan Gioai will appear at Chico State on Tuesday, March 28 at 7:30 pm at Colusa Hall. February statistics were impressive with 357 new patrons and nearly 28,000 visitors. Statistics were distributed. The Sunday movies are attracting larger groups. There will be a multicultural story festival at the library on Saturday, April 8, sponsored by the Japanese storytime group. The new video projector is being used (purchased with grant from city of Chico); the media cart is set up with detailed instructions to use it. The Friends bought supplies for Children's Services to make buttons for an upcoming project.

Library Advisory Board: No report

Cupcake Sale: It is on April 26, a Wednesday, from 11 am-2pm. Rupert is the liaison between Century 21 and the Friends. Flyers were brought by Laura and passed out to be posted. Also postcards. Postcards are sent to all Century 21 clients. More participation from the Friends to get raffle prizes is encouraged. The event will be publicized on local TV a few days before and will also be on Facebook and webpages.

Newsletter: Next issue will be out around May 1 prior to the annual meeting and elections. Articles were assigned as follows:

Annual Meeting and Speaker- Nancy; Maker Space-Brenda; Summer Reading-Ann; Volunteer Recognition-Marian; Little Free Libraries-Patti. There may be a book review or list of books from the library's discussion groups. Articles are due on or before the next CFOL meeting on April 18.

Chico Bags: Was announced that an order would be placed for 250 bags, 125 red and 125 blue. When the order was put in the next day, it was found that 500 is the minimum order so a vote took place by email (MM-moved, RM-seconded), all ayes, to purchase 500 bags for approximately \$1800. The order has been placed and should be received by June 1.

Membership Drive: Storytime promotions have gone well. The appearances and reading by CFOL members give a chance to promote CFOL and the book sale.

Annual Meeting: Nancy Leek will do an article and the flyer to publicize this May 16 event. Refreshments will be discussed at the next meeting.

Nominating Committee: Margaret agreed to be the Nominating Committee. Vice-President and Secretary positions are up for election this year. Patti agreed to serve again as vice-president. Margaret will contact all board members to find out if they will remain on the board for next year.

Book Sale Card Reader: The card reader to make credit card purchases of \$20 or more possible at book sales is ready to be tested as soon as a willing and able book sale volunteer will try it out.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Next CFOL meeting is Tuesday, April 18.