

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2017

Present: Ann Elliott, Jen Rold, Patti Conlin, Debbie Cobb, Susan Davis, Mary Wahl, Brenda Crotts

Absent: Margaret Bomberg, Elizabeth Berghold, Katherine Gould, Nancy Leek, Marian Milling

Guests: Diane Friedman, Alex Chen, Esha Patel

Ann Elliott called meeting called to order at 7:00pm. Volunteer hours sheet for CFOL Board members circulated
Susan David gave treasurers report. She has converted accounting to QuickBooks.

May & June 2017 Minutes: Mary Wahl (m). Susan Davis (s) All members approved

Librarian Brenda Crotts:

Presented Library use log. Of note: Library visits stayed about the same: July- 29,623 visits, August-29,234 visits. Public Internet Computer use went up from July 2,931, August 3,030. Monthly checkouts and renewals also stayed about the same: July - 47,375, August - 46,544. Total Attendance All Children's Programs up from 1,643 in July to 1,735 in August

Funding requests: 1) Requested 8 Lucite media holders for teen area for a total of \$837.61 (including shipping) Mary Wahl (m), Susan Davis (s). All members approved

2) Requested money for popular books for kindles. CFOL already approved money. Diane agreed to get \$500. Gift card

3) Requested money for youth programming: A. Mike Graff to present his book on Nat'l Parks \$250. (With a portion of his book sales going to library) B. Band 'Charged Particles' w/a STEM Science approach to music in November or February \$600. C. Yule Logs performance \$600. For a total of \$1450. Mary Wahl (m) Debbie Cobb (s). All members approved

Brenda gave report of survey from 'Celebracion de las Americas' where people from 8 Latin American countries celebrated. Those responding had positive feedback for library. Comments ranged from they 'felt the Chico Library, library was safe, warm, comfortable, wonderful people who work at library, reading is important.

The Library wants to pass on responsibility of 'Little Free Libraries' in Chico and Cohasset to CFOL. There are 12 in the area. General consensus was the CFOL did not want to totally take this on with concerns of structural upkeep. Mary Wahl and Jen Rold said they would attend meeting on this matter.

Alex Chen introduced board members to Esha Patel, a 10th grader at Chico Sr. High School. Esha is very knowledgeable on 3d printer and wants to help board with CFOL Website. Her email is esha.patel16@outlook.com

Alex suggested putting book marks with URL on them to boost Pay Pal donations and membership. He will come back with design and cost at a later date. He requested permission to create a web page on our site to announce Make Space events. The board approved of that by consensus.

Jen Rold commented on Library Advisory Board. 2 members now per district and there are 2 vacancies. Jen says disconnect between what CFOL members do and pay for. Jen also suggested bridging the gap between LAB and CFOL, as LAB does not appear to be aware of all contributions of CFOL and what is happening at other libraries in Butte County. She will bring some information to raise their awareness at the next meeting Oct. 16.

Jen Rold is putting newsletter together. Newsletter articles due to Ann by 9/27/17 for early October publication.

Trivia Bee- Patti made a motion for \$300. or lowest level for team of Nancy Leek, Jean Ping & Phil Midling. Jen seconded motion. All members approved.

Discussion on limiting amount of money board members vote on through email. No \$\$\$ limit was made.

Library Expansion Feasibility study discussed. Diane Friedman was thanked for keeping us together on this.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:04 pm. **Next Meeting October 17** (also in staff area)