

Chico Friends of the Library Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2018

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Merle Burbridge, Debbie Cobb, Patti Conlin, Susan Davis, Ann Elliott, Diane Friedman, Katherine Gould, Max Inman, Nancy Leek, Marian Milling, Mary Wahl, Susie Serrano

Absent: Margaret Bomberg, Debbie Cobb, Jen Rold

Guests: Alva and Miranda, Alex Chen, Mohammad Khaki, Michele O'Neil, Larry Wahl, Washington, Paul Wesbecher

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm. All were welcomed and introductions made.

Treasurer's report:

Book sales for this fiscal year to date are at \$61,752. Memberships and donations (some from clubs such as Model A) add much more to income. CFOL has spent over \$81,000 on books and media this year so far.

Regarding equipment, \$2167 was spent on Demco book displays and more on children's furniture.

Investments: interest is up but overall profits are down due to bond funds. A financial committee meeting will be held with Stifel advisor Eric Moxon later this summer.

CFOL could be listed on the Guidestar database (guidestar.org) for potential donors' information.

Minutes:

Minutes from April and May meetings were approval. DF (m), KG(s). All ayes.

Librarian's Report:

New chairs in children's area are great—attractive and comfortable. New book carts have arrived.

Author program for July 1 (June 1?) has been cancelled and will be rescheduled in fall. One author talk took place in May and the same military veteran author will return for another program.

Summer Reading Program is in full swing. Books are prizes for children; adults get bingo cards and raffle tickets for donated items. A coding class for intermediate-age children will take place in the Maker Lab.

Banners have come for the lab. Other summer activities have included a sewing demo, bike rodeo, and the literacy coach.

The annual movie license renewal will be due on July 17.

County budget hearing is June 26. A "Table of Proposed Branch Operating Hours" was shared showing hours' cuts of various percentages for 5 branches—a 16% cut for Chico meaning opening an hour later and closing an hour earlier on most days. While this is distressing and may seem uneven to Chico, cuts had been projected to be worse. The change in hours will still allow for the Saturday book sale to open at 9 am since some staff will be present and there will be no story time changes.

Some new ebooks have been ordered recently to expend the current fiscal year's budget for materials. The small materials budget for all branches (\$500/month) next fiscal year will mean the loss of several online databases; ChiltonLibrary for automotive repair was one heavily used.

Pictures of chairs wanted for the Children's Area were circulated. EB(m), MW(s) to buy 4 chairs for \$600. All ayes.

Celebration de las Americas:

The 3rd annual event will take place on September 29. This festival brings together all local groups representing Latin and Central America and Mexico. Last year's attendance was nearly 350 and it's hoped to attract more.

It is open to everyone interested. The event includes food, performances, and cultural sharing. This year's theme is "dancing." There will be more music than in previous years. A good quality sound system is desired.

Alex felt that the library's newly enhanced system would work. Some financial backing and PR is needed.

MW(m) and MM(s) to grant up to \$1500 for expenses and to allow use of the CFOL nonprofit ID number for purchases and solicitations. All ayes.

Book sale:

May sales netted \$3389; June to date sales are \$4900 with two more sales to go. Internet sales recently were \$3,941. Internet sales will be tracked separately in the future. They are always impressive.

LAB: No report.

Membership: We were reminded that we have all been given packets of membership envelopes to post in a public place as appropriate. Elizabeth has her first chance to promote CFOL at a public meeting on June 19. Her pitch was well received and will be repeated when possible. Katherine volunteered to be the storer of membership envelopes after data has been entered; policy is to keep them for one year after receipt.

Little Free Libraries: No report.

Insurance: Diane and Marian will attend July 17 meeting at Oroville Library at 1:30 to hear current options and quotes. Under consideration for complying with this county requirement is the possibility of having one umbrella Friends organization to keep the rates low. Friends' groups would still want autonomy otherwise. A lawyer's advice is needed, and we will attempt to recruit a pro bono one for this purpose.

Library Expansion: There are issues with the plan for an addition to accommodate the book sale. Existing library building is not up to current codes and would have to be in order to add on. A separate, nonadjacent space might have to be considered. Communication between county staff and CFOL will continue with a meeting for preliminary findings on June 20 **June 27** and another prior to the next CFOL meeting on July 17.

Barbara Seawall Estate: No funds have been received yet.

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Volunteer Recognition Practices: Our current way of rewarding volunteer hours needs to be reviewed and revised. Mary and Marian will be a subcommittee to take care of this.

Board Tasks: The previous list of tasks distributed at April meeting was reviewed. Some duties were reassigned and updated.

Interest Income: AE(m), DF(s) to reinvest interest income. All ayes.

Meeting Adjourned at 9:15. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, July 17, at 7 pm.