

CHICO FRIENDS OF THE BUTTE COUNTY LIBRARY aka Chico Friends of the Library (CFOL)

Annual MEETING Minutes,

May 21, 2019 7 pm Chico Branch Community Room

- President Marian Milling welcomed our members and guests
- CFOL Recognized Mary Wahl for her many years of service on the Board and for special projects she worked on. They also thanked Larry Wahl for his dedication to libraries and support for Butte County Library as a Council Member for the City of Chico and as a Butte County Supervisor. Some notable quotes: "Libraries are the repository of freedom." "If you don't squeak, you don't get heard." They thanked us for the gift card and the support CFOL gave Larry by showing up at meetings.
- Mel Lightbody, Butte County Library Director, reported that the Paradise mini-branch will be open soon. She reported on resignations of staff members moving to other library systems: Karen Rigby of Paradise to Sonoma County; Ashley Cane to Sacramento Public Library; and Susie Serrano to Clinton, Iowa. Cynthia Pustejovsky will be returning to manage the Chico Branch. The Strategic Planning process is continuing; input still requested with online survey and community meeting Wed. May 29 at 7 PM.
- Election of Diane Friedman to Treasurer through June 2021 and Ann Elliott as Secretary through June 2020. Opening for VP through June 2021. Marian Milling will continue as acting president until replacement is found. Debbie Cobb and Mary Wahl have resigned from the Board. Sandy Boyd will join the board. The CFOL board for 2019-20 will be: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Sandy Boyd, Merle Burbridge, Ann Elliott, Diane Freidman, Katherine Gould, Keith Herritt, Max Infeld, Nancy Leek, Marian Milling.
- Marian summarized the highlights of CFOL's past year. Income from weekly book sale, memberships, donations and bequests. Book Sale income over \$63,000. Two large bequests: Barbara Seawall and Joan Robinson. Support for library media, movie license, The MakerLab, computer and other technical equipment.
- Patrick Newell, Dean of Meriam Library, CSU Chico spoke on "Libraries, Collections and Community." He highlighted some of the most important libraries from early historical times to the present and their origins and purposes. Looking toward the role of libraries in the future he envisioned new and relevant "collections" and community activities: maker space, poetry slams, comedy nights, tool library, and art or music salons. Continued support for literacy, but with more programs and services for adults (especially young adults).

Refreshments and Social Time

Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 18 at 6:30 pm – new time