

Chico Friends of the Butte County Library, aka. Chico Friends of the Library , CFOL

Minutes of Board July 16, 2019

Present: Margaret Bomberg, Sandy Boyd, Merle Burbridge, Ann Elliott, Diane Friedman, Katherine Gould, Nancy Leek, Marian Milling.

Absent: Elizabeth Bergthold, Keith Herritt.

Staff: Alex Chen, Cynthia Pustejovsky

Guests: Frances Miranda, Jullisa Winton, Washington Quezada, Alba Miranda (all of Mosaico – The Spanish Language Book Club) and Paul Wesbecher

Meeting called to order at 6:30 pm by Marian Milling. Introductions made.

Technical Matters (CFOL website, equipment): Alex Chen requested we move this item up as he was not feeling well. **Purchase 4 additional Windows 10 licenses \$16 ea. for \$64 total.** (Elliott, Boyd, passed). The remaining items were tabled until our next meeting.

Celebracion de las Americas: Set for Sept. 14 from 3 to 7 PM at the Chico Women’s club. Mosaico reported that their fundraiser went well, raising about \$700 over costs. They are working on their flyer and plan to include the Oroville and Gridley communities in their outreach for attendance. They have volunteers committed to represent 2 new countries. They have asked a variety of business to support the event through money, food, or donation of supplies. The Butte County Library Literacy Coach is scheduled to attend, as well as the Tech Literacy Van hosted by Katy Azevedo. They would like a mini-library at the event and hope that transportation for the book bicycle can be arranged. They will make room for a small table for CFOL – to be staffed in shifts by Merle, Margaret, Katherine, and Sandy. **Request \$2,000 in support to cover venue rental, food purchases, and copies.** (Bomberg, Burbridge, passed)

Minutes:

Minutes from June 2019 board meeting were approved. (Bomberg, Gould, approved)

Treasurer's Report: As approved by the Board, Diane moved \$130,000 of last year’s surplus income to the Building Fund. With Board approval, she will no longer track expenditures on digital media as opposed to print media.

Book Sale: Nancy reported June sales were \$7,483 with 5 weeks of sales. July sales of 1 week so far plus internet sales are \$2,881. Internet sales are about \$1,000/month. Question regarding what to do about the huge amount of damaged books and trash regularly donated, resulted in best solution: Smile and say, “Thank You.”

Librarian’s Report: Acting Branch Manager Cynthia Pustejovsky reported that oral exams for Senior Library Assistant are in process, soon to be followed by branch manager. Young people continue to enjoy the Summer Reading Program’s costuming events. There is a teen lock-in planned for the last Sat. in July. Kathy has scheduled a few movies for the adult reading program. The TV is mounted on the outside of the Maker Lab.

Alex is displaying the current and upcoming events for the Maker Lab there. Butte Co. Libraries is partnering with KIXE for a 3rd Thursday film series at the Chico Branch this fall.

Paul Wesbecher requested a security camera or a pretend one aimed at the patron bike parking area outside the library. He reported on activities for fundraising and for a mural of the Butte Canyon Covered Bridge which burned in the Camp Fire.

Library Advisor Board: No report from April meeting. Next meeting July 17 (tomorrow).

Newsletter: Keith Herritt will coordinate articles. Max Infeld said he would continue formatting the newsletter. Next Carrel to come out in early August, article Deadline July 24.

Summer Reading program (Joe, Andrea)
Trivia Bee (Nancy L.)
Library Card Signup Month (Ann E.)
Paradise Mini Branch opening (ask Brenda)
Teen Tech Week/ Maker Lab news (Alex)
Homework Help (?)
County Budget (Cynthia)
Celebracion de las Americas - Julissa

Policy for giving to non-Library Groups: There was consensus that the policy drafted was good. With no further changes after those suggested at the last meeting, we will start using it. The Board was very pleased at the extensive planning by Mosaico to include library services in the Celebracion de las Americas.

Library Electronic Sign Grant: Meeting with County set for July 22 at 3 PM in Chico and to include discussion on staff room / book sale sorting design and location options.

Board Tasks: The Board reviewed the list of tasks. Most tasks and doers remained the same.

- Marian would like someone to take over the monthly email update (Diane will prepare the email addresses, while Marian continues to write it).
- Merle will discontinue writing the monthly blog, as it gets very little traffic compared to the Facebook pages.
- Sandy Boyd is coordinating First Friday volunteers.
- Keith Herritt continues to collect and edit newsletter articles. For the while, Max will continue to format the newsletter.
- Marian will continue working on getting the volunteer recognition data from Mimi.

Recognitions and Memorials: Diane will order a new sign for the antique clock with both Susan and Gerald's name and a picture from the award store on Nord Ave. **Purchase \$500 of children's books in recognition of Debbie Cobb's years of volunteering.** (Bomberg, Leek, passed)

There was board consensus to skip the August Board meeting. **Email spending limit raised to \$1,000 per item until the Sept. 17 meeting.** (Milling, Gould, passed)

Meeting Adjourned at 8:25. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, September 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm.

