

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

Minutes of Board August 18, 2020

Present via Zoom on-line: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Sandy Boyd, Brenda Crotts, Diane Friedman, Katherine Gould, Keith Herritt, Nancy Leek, Satsie Veith

Absent: Merle Burbridge

Staff: Janae Kambestad (Chico Library Manager)

Nancy Leek called the meeting called to order at 6:30 pm.

Reports

Treasurer: The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. Current assets total \$1,095,070.68. Due to effects of the pandemic, income is down from fundraising, the book sale, and investments compared to this time last year. Summer reading program expenses were zero this year and purchases of library books are down a few thousand from last year.

Minutes: The minutes of the July meeting were approved. (Gould, Friedman, approved.)

Book Sale: Nancy reported \$1983.35 in internet sales in July. She and Helen have been unable to restock the foyer shelves for some time due to the latest library closing, but they intend to do so next week.

Librarian's Report: Branch Manager Janae Kambestad updated us on rapid changes in library services due to COVID-19 combined with the ongoing heat wave. The County Administration has ordered the libraries to open their doors to the public to provide shelter from the heat, even though the libraries are not official cooling centers. This order will end soon but may be reinstated if temps go up again, so the Chico branch has asked to stay open because of the difficulty of changing from open to closed status. Many patrons have come in to check out books using the automated system, but the staff is still providing curbside pick-up as well. Next week, Chico will start providing desk services. Volunteers are much needed but "risk management" must approve their presence; that response is expected soon.

Meanwhile, the summer reading program has ended with low but enthusiastic participation; new book carts are needed; funding may be requested for the Reforma story-telling program. There was discussion of how the branch could help parents who are home-schooling, such as by providing STEM and other kinds of kits.

Newsletter: Keith stated, and the board agreed, that given the uncertainty about availability of library services, it doesn't make sense to publish a newsletter.

Ongoing and New Business

Library Hours Sign: Brenda, who recently attended a Zoom meeting on the status of the sign, reported that there are a few ADA adjustments needed for which Brandon from General Services is getting prices, but the sign is in his office and he wants it out. We have no definite date, but it should be up fairly soon.

New Board Member Nominations: No progress as yet, but Nancy will again ask Maureen Jeffers for ideas. Board members should not hesitate to talk to people they think might be interested.

Gifts for Marian and Ann: Diane will get addresses for the groups mentioned in the July minutes and Nancy will work on cover letters.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:15.

The next meeting is Tuesday, September 15, 2020 at 6:30 pm via Zoom (planned).