

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

Minutes of Board Meeting August 17, 2021

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Merle Burbridge, Brenda Crotts, Byron Fountain, Diane Friedman, Katherine Gould, Nancy Leek, Annie Reimer, Satsie Veith

Absent: Keith Herritt

Staff: Janae Kambestad (Branch Manager)

Guest: Janet Leslie

Katherine Gould called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the July 20, 2021, meeting were approved. (Crotts, Friedman, approved.)

Reports

Treasurer: The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman.

Book Sale: Nancy Leek reported that the four July book sales earned \$5545.42, including internet and lobby sales, and the August sales to date have brought in \$2201.30. There has been no First Friday sale for CFOL members because a volunteer is needed to manage the sale.

Librarian's Report: Janae Kambestad reported on several developments, including the following: Sandy, the library Administrative Analyst, needs to know volunteer numbers and hours for worker compensation purposes. The library has signed an MOU with Public Health for vaccination clinics. Final interviews are underway for two new librarians, one for Literacy, and one for Collection Development. Also, interviews are being held for library assistants, and there will be one more part-time person in Chico. Kimberlee Wheeler wants to do Babies Love Books in the fall. Nancy Leek then raised the issue of whether Chico will be assigned a full-time librarian, which she felt seemed unlikely given Janae and Misty Wright's remarks last month (see July 20 minutes). The board discussed the current situation, in which the librarians travel between the county libraries, rather than being assigned full-time to a particular site. Several board members expressed concern that this is not sufficient coverage for Chico, which in the past has had the highest foot traffic in the county. It was agreed that Diane will talk with Janae to get a clear picture of the current assignments, and then Nancy and Margaret Bomberg will draft a letter expressing CFOL's concern to be sent to the appropriate authorities.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth Bergthold reported a very good response from her outreach to Chico elementary schools for children's books. An individual committed minor vandalism on the Has Beans LFL. Someone has left nonperishable food items in the 12th Street LFL. After board discussion of the promotion of food sharing sites on the LFL website and other related actions of that kind, Elizabeth decided to leave it as is for now.

Ongoing Business

Enterprise Record Ad: Byron has started designing the ad and will seek help from Andrea and Nancy. The purpose of the ad is to highlight the mission of the Friends, promote library services, advertise the book sale, and include basics such as hours of opening and phone number.

New Business

KZFR Interview: Nancy reported that an interview in which she discusses the CFOL and especially the book sale will be on the air at KZFR (90.1 FM) on Tuesday, Aug. 24th, at 6 PM.

The Clock: Katherine asked for a volunteer to take over care of the clock on the south wall of the meeting room, which has been telling the same time for quite a while. Annie Reimer volunteered to get a battery for the clock and attempt to set it to the right time.

Newsletter: These story assignments were agreed on: Katherine on the dedication of the Linda Lee Basset bench, Nancy on the book sale, Elizabeth on the LFL's, and library staff on the wrap-up of the summer reading program.

Aid to Libraries Damaged or Destroyed by Dixie Fire: Diane Friedman will contact the Quincy branch of the Plumas County library to see if CFOL can help with donations when they have figured out what is needed.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be on September 21, 2021.