

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

Minutes of Board Meeting March 15, 2022

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Merle Burbridge, Brenda Crotts, Diane Friedman, Nancy Leek, Satsie Veith

Absent: Keith Herritt

Staff: Heather Tovey

Guests: Patrick Newell

Brenda Crotts called the meeting to order at 6:31 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the February 15 meeting were approved. (Leek, Bomberg, approved.)

Reports

Treasurer: The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. Due to general condition of the economy, income from investments has decreased by 85% from this time last year. After discussion, the board agreed Diane will send reminder letters to all members who have not paid dues since 2019 or 2020. It was moved that \$200 be allocated for postage. (Bergthold, Burbridge, approved.)

Book Sale: Nancy Leek reported that the February book sales brought in \$5894, and the two March sales have earned \$1055 and \$808. Patrons are buying Chico Bags at \$3 each, a price reduction approved at last month's meeting. The library administration has explained that the meeting room is needed for programming on Friday mornings for at least the rest of 2022. So CFOL volunteers are now setting up for the Saturday book sale starting at 1 pm Fridays, which in turn means that the hours of the First Friday members' book sale will change from 2 - 4 to 3 - 4:30.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth reported that Joe Steck has made a new LFL for Peterson Park, and Christine MacShane has agreed to paint it. She will need to work at getting more children's books.

Librarian's Report: Heather Tovey filled in for Jessie Spragge. She reported on library developments including a \$500,000 Dual Language Learner grant from First 5, for which the library will work with North Valley Catholic Social Services, BCOE, and the Hmong Cultural Center.

Ongoing Business

Enterprise Record Ad: Merle Burbridge brought in drafts for ads oriented to adults and to children. After discussion, Merle said she will revise the text to emphasize the book sale, as that was the original intent of the ad. Patrick brought up the fact that Butte County will soon have a new web platform that may allow the library to have more links for events including CFOL activities.

Resignation of Board Member: Byron Fountain has resigned from the board.

New Business

Annual Meeting: Roger Lederer and Carol Burr have agreed to be the speakers. Brenda will work on a flyer.

Board Replacements: The question arose of making a search for new board members. Some possible names were discussed. Nancy will approach some prospects.

Katherine Gould Memorial: The memorial is being organized by Katherine's sister Margaret. It will be held on March 27 at 2 PM in the Chico Library meeting room. Nancy agreed to speak about Katherine's contributions to CFOL.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

The next meeting will be on April 19, 2022.