

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

Minutes of Board Meeting July 19, 2022

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

Staff: Jessie Spragge, Chico Branch Librarian, Misty Wright, Assistant Library Director

Guest: Patrick Newell

Brenda Crotts called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the June 21 meeting were approved. (Burbridge, Leek, approved.)

Reports

Treasurer: The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. Investment income is continuing to drop. Diane followed advice of financial advisor Eric Moxon and approved moving investment funds from bonds to laddered CD's, since interest rates are rising. Board approved spending up to \$1000 on tax preparer. (Friedman, Bomberg, approved.)

Book Sale: Nancy Leek reported that July book sales have so far brought in \$2997 and internet sales \$1239. Craig's List ad has brought in new people. Some volunteers have materialized from newspaper coverage.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth Bergthold reported success in removing black paint from a vandalized LFL. Oak Park Way LFL needs a steward.

Newsletter: Keith Herritt plans on getting next issue out in first half of August and would like submissions by July 26. Jessie Spragge agreed to write a feature on library programs.

Library Advisory Board: Margaret will attend LAB meeting at 3 PM on July 20 at Oroville branch. She asked about concerns to bring forward, which led to a discussion of recent remarks made by members of the Butte County Board of Supervisors regarding library funding and what that might mean for the future.

Librarian's Report: Jessie Spragge reported that the Summer Reading Programs are going well and she is moving forward with grant applications.

Ongoing Business

New Assignments: Linda Elliott will be our historian; Satsie Veith agreed to write thank-you notes as needed; Merle Burbridge volunteered to take on membership chair and will begin working on "book bucks" ideas.

Prospective Board Members: The board discussed need for someone with a business background, if not as a board member, then as an advisor.

Book Sale Location Committee Report: The committee recently met with Steven Depa of Re/max; he showed them a listing for a property on Wall Street. Nancy said the committee needs to do more research on the best option. Jessie suggested selling books at coffee shops, etc. Also discussed: getting ideas from American Cancer Society, Discovery Shoppe; getting advice from Butte College Small Business Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

The next meeting will be on August 16, 2022.