

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

Minutes of Board Meeting September 20, 2022

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

Absent: Diane Friedman

Staff: Misty Wright, Assistant Library Director; Cynthia Pustejovsky, Chico Branch Librarian

Guest: Penny Evenson

Brenda Crotts called the meeting to order at 6:33 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the August 16 meeting were approved. (Bergthold, Leek, approved.)

Reports

Treasurer: Diane Friedman, who was absent, emailed financial reports to the board before the meeting.

Book Sale: Nancy Leek reported the August book sale revenue totaled \$5460 and September so far is \$3592.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth Bergthold received a report that unspecified pornographic material was placed in the Baroni Park LFL and discovered by children. She asked some residents to keep an eye out.

Membership: Merle Burbridge asked Nancy about results of membership promotion through book bucks given to those who join/renew at the sale. Nancy said she has posted one sign but will create a splashier one and add info about it to the Facebook page. Keith suggested that the Board ask Diane for a monthly report on new members.

Discover Books: Keith Herritt has been in contact with this company, which picks up unwanted books free of charge for resale, donation, or recycling. The company would place blue book bins behind the library, near where the dumpsters are now; book sale volunteers would place unsold and damaged book donations in those bins rather than in the recycling dumpster; the company would pick up the books as needed. The Board approved a motion to ask the company for three bins. (Crotts, Bomberg, approved.)

Librarian's Report: Cynthia Pustejovsky, the new and returning branch director, said it is good to be back and she is seeing what can be done with current staff levels. Misty Wright said the library is recruiting new library assistants and Chico will get 4 new full-time assistants. She says we should soon hear how the new salary ordinances will affect the library budget.

Ongoing Business

Book Sale Location Committee Report: Misty confirmed that the General Services Administration is not taking on any new projects for at least this year and probably next year. This means no progress on placing a manufactured building on the library grounds. The Board also discussed the off-site option but the committee is not certain that would be workable.

Trivia Bee Update: Nancy says there will be two CFOL teams this year.

Wild Things Invoice: Cynthia will send the invoice to Diane again.

Historian Request: Linda Elliott asked that boardmembers watch out for items that could be placed in the history scrapbook and send them to her.

Book Banning Movement: Misty and Cynthia updated the Board on the national and local impacts of book banning. The suspect books generally deal with LGBTQ and trans issues or racism and anti-racism. They explained Butte County library's complaint procedure.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 p.m.

The next meeting will be on October 18, 2022.