

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

Minutes of Board Meeting April 18, 2023

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

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

Guests: Jennifer Ellingson, Peggy Evenson, Patrick Newell

Brenda Crotts called the meeting to order at 6:34 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the March 21, 2023, meeting were approved. (Elliott, Leek, approved.)

Reports

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

Book Sale: Nancy Leek reported that March book sale revenue was \$5578 and April so far is \$1949. There was discussion of a decrease in lobby sales revenue for uncertain reasons, possibly including failure to pay, but no action was deemed necessary.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth Bergthold reported that Chapman Elementary School has donated 4 boxes of children's books.

Membership: Merle Burbridge reported that CFOL membership is now at 583. She also showed the board a promotion of gift memberships for Mother's Day that will appear in the newsletter.

Newsletter: Keith Herritt reported the newsletter is in progress.

Librarian's Report: Cynthia Pustejovsky told us the amount due for these events: \$287.50 for NorCal Bats (July 18); \$375(est.) for Bee Show (Aug. 1); \$450 for Wild Things (Aug. 8). Staff are planning Summer Reading Programs on the theme Finding Your Voice. Misty Wright reported that the State Library has opened a construction grant. Butte County is applying for money for most-needed projects. For Chico, that could include re-painted lines in the parking lot and a meeting room on the east side, which could free the current room for other purposes. She and board members discussed possibilities of matching funds from CFOL and the grant process.

Other Business:

Library Advisory Board: Patrick Newell reported that the Library Advisory Board meets April 19. There was discussion of a North Valley Community Foundation grant to LAB for outreach & marketing and possible uses for it.

Annual Meeting: Brenda brought up the need to nominate and elect a Vice-President and Treasurer at the Annual Meeting on May 16. Nancy said she was willing to serve as VP again; Diane said she would serve as Treasurer if no one else can be found. After discussion of Treasurer duties, Jennifer Ellingson agreed to assist Diane by making the deposit from Book Sale revenues. In anticipation of needing new board members, the board voted to ask the members at the Annual Meeting to approve a bylaws change to allow up to 13 board members. (Herritt, Elliott, approved.) Elizabeth, Nancy, and Brenda volunteered to bring cookies for the meeting; we will provide water but not coffee.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on May 16, 2023.