

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

Minutes of Board Meeting July 18, 2023

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

Absent: Margaret Bomberg

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

Guests: Jennifer Ellingson, Penny Evenson, Patrick Newell

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

Minutes: The minutes of the June 20, 2023, meeting were approved. (Friedman, Leek, approved.)

Reports

Treasurer: The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. Over the last 60 days, CFOL expenditures for the library, including movie licenses, programs, books and magazines, has totaled about \$16,000.

Book Sale: Nancy Leek reported that June book sale revenue was \$4963 and July so far is \$3288. Total revenue so far this year is over \$60,000. Nancy advised the board that more volunteers are needed for setup on Fridays and that two small tables will be purchased.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth Bergthold and Peggy Evenson have done a “summer cleaning” of the LFL’s, which are showing wear and tear.

Membership: Merle Burbridge reported 25 new members; the current total is over 500. After discussion, it was agreed that new members should receive a postcard welcoming them to CFOL. Merle and Linda Elliott will work on a text and Keith Herritt will look into printing. On the ongoing problem of members in arrears on their dues: Keith will place a reminder in the August newsletter, asking people to check the status of their membership and come up to current status. At some point, members will be dropped from the rolls.

Newsletter: Keith said the next issue should be out by the first week of August; articles should be submitted by next week.

Power of 100 Women: Patrick Newell asked the board to approve submission of a proposal for a grant to the Power of 100 Women, possibly at their August meeting. After discussion, it was approved. (Herritt, Burbridge, approved.) The grant would underwrite the work of interns who would devise marketing proposals that the board could review and choose from. Patrick is willing to be a liaison between the interns and the board during development. Patrick also advised the board that there are a couple of vacancies on the Library Advisory Board, including District 2, and that the County has released a Request for Proposal for a consultant to assist with a possible revenue measure.

Librarian’s Report: Cynthia Pustejovsky reported on library programs.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

The next meeting will be on August 15, 2023.