

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

Minutes of Board Meeting August 15, 2023

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

Absent: Keith Herritt

Staff: Cynthia Pustejovsky, Chico Branch Librarian, Alaina Macarthy, Serenity Gregerson

Guests: Jennifer Ellingson, Penny Evenson, Patrick Newell

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

Minutes: The minutes of the July 18, 2023, meeting were approved. (Leek, Bergthold, approved.)

Reports

Access to Technology: Alaina Macarthy and Serenity Gregerson reported that their outreach to patrons with technology issues has been going well and they have gotten positive feedback. They asked that CFOL allocate funds to buy refreshments for social events for the patrons, which fits with the ATT grant goals. The board approved \$100 per month additional funding in the Library Supply Budget for this purpose. (Friedman, Elliott, approved.)

Treasurer: The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. CFOL has spent \$4000 on circulation materials since the last meeting and has received one donation for \$500 and another anonymous donation of \$25,000. Some ideas were voiced about what special use could be made of this donation; it was put over until next month for further discussion.

Book Sale: Nancy Leek reported that July book sale revenue was \$6060 and August so far is \$2229. Other topics raised by Nancy: 1) Remaining "Keep the Library Open" license plate holders will be given away at library desk. 2) Trivia Bee will be on Oct. 27. The board approved \$300 to fund a second team. (Bomberg, Crotts, approved.) 3) Possibility of CFOL sponsored scholarship for teen volunteers or employees; this will be on the agenda at the September meeting. 4) Use of "blue bins" for reusable books rejected for book sale will continue for now even though the company will no longer pay anything for books they pick up.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth Bergthold and Penny Evenson will begin cleanup work on some of the LFL's.

Library Advisory Board: Nancy attended for Margaret Bomberg last month. There is a new member for District 2 but there are still vacancies.

Membership: Merle Burbridge reported 43 new members over the last 12 months. Linda Elliott showed the board a prototype welcoming postcard to send to new CFOL members; response was enthusiastic. Printing still needs to be worked out.

CFOL Board: Jennifer Ellingson has looked over the CFOL governing documents that she has been able to find. Currently the board requirement of no less than 7 and no more than 9 members is in the Articles of Incorporation, which would need to be amended through the CA Secretary of State's office. Linda Elliott has acquired a box of old CFOL documents from Ramona Flynn that may shed some light. Jennifer suggested that the board work on getting procedures, such as running the book sale and officers' responsibilities, down in writing. Each person could prepare their own. Then we would be in a better position to decide whether additional board members or officers are needed.

Newsletter: Keith Herritt was absent.

Power of 100 Women: Patrick Newell read from a draft syllabus for the CSU class on marketing for library funding and reported on developments concerning the possible ballot measure to provide funding for the library. He suggested that CFOL members may be interested in attending an event on Sept. 7 regarding the former.

Librarian's Report: Cynthia Pustejovsky reported on library programs. She wants to work on better programming for elementary and middle school students. At her request, the board provided \$300 for a September 21 event featuring Larry Maurice the Cowboy Poet. (Friedman, Bomberg, approved.)

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.

The next meeting will be on September 19, 2023.