

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

Minutes of Board Meeting October 17, 2023

Present: Elizabeth Bergthold, Margaret Bomberg, Brenda Crotts, Diane Friedman, Keith Herritt, Nancy Leek

Absent: Merle Burbridge, Linda Elliott, Satsie Veith

Staff: Misty Wright, Acting Library Director

Guests: Jennifer Ellingson, Penny Evenson, Patrick Newell

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

Minutes: The minutes of the September 19, 2023, meeting were approved. (Friedman, Bergthold, approved.)

Reports

Treasurer: The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. Diane reported that she moved \$25,000 from checking to the Stifel investment account. She shared a “welcome” postcard designed by Linda Elliott that will be sent to new CFOL members. Insurance is paid, taxes are done. Membership has slowed but is normal for this time of year. The library is spending less than CFOL gives them to spend. Misty commented that she has a large budget but little time to spend it.

Book Sale: Nancy Leek reported that September book sale revenue was \$5586.95, which is average; more than August but less than July. October so far is \$2013. Misty reported that it has not yet been determined whether the library will be closed for Veterans’ Day on Friday, Nov. 10 or Saturday, Nov. 11. Either way there will be no sale on Nov. 11th.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth Bergthold said that the LFLs are in good shape except for one that is in process of being replaced by Joe. She has a new volunteer steward.

Membership: No membership report as Merle was absent.

Teen Scholarships: Jennifer Ellingson reported that the committee met and discussed scholarships. They decided on two \$1000 scholarships. They will work on an application process and will talk to a high school counselor. They expect to have the program ready by January.

Newsletter: Keith Herritt thanked those who have submitted articles and reminded others that articles are due by Oct. 20th.

Marketing Project: Patrick gave an update. He met with the marketing students, LAB members, and the county CAO, Andy Pickett. He told the students that they can make plans on the basis of a \$20,000 budget. How to get cities to contribute was discussed and it was suggested that he talk to Larry and Mary Wahl. Keith suggested approaching the City Arts Commission.

The Marketing class will have its final meeting and presentation on Thursday, Dec. 7th, 8:00 - 9:15 p.m. in Glenn 112 on the CSUC campus.

Patrick also noted that Meriam Library no longer takes donated books and asked if it is okay to steer donors to CFOL. Nancy said yes in the hopes that we will not be overwhelmed.

Librarian's Report: Misty said a library director has not yet been announced. She continues as the interim director. Chico Branch October activities include a Pumpkin Painting program and a Day of the Dead program. The Trivia Bee for Literacy will take place on Friday, Oct. 27th.

Misty announced that Butte County has been awarded a **\$14.1 million dollar grant** for building improvements to the Chico and Oroville branches. The county is required to add matching funds of 3.5 million. Among possible projects are critical maintenance, electrical and AC upgrades, ADA compliance, restroom upgrades, and an additional meeting room. Ideas are welcome.

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

The next meeting will be on November 21, 2023.