

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

Minutes of Board Meeting February 20, 2024

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

Absent: Elizabeth Bergthold, Keith Herritt

Staff: Cynthia Pustejovsky, Chico Branch Librarian

Guests: Penny Evenson, Patrick Newell

Brenda Crotts called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 16, 2024, meeting were approved. (Leek, Bomberg, approved.)

Reports

Treasurer: The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. As discussed in January, \$25,000 was moved from checking to CD's.

Book Sale: Nancy Leek reported that revenue from the January book sales was \$4702.88. The two February sales so far total \$2535.25. New carts are still needed but so far have not been located. The board discussed the need for storage space for donated books pending possible internet sale.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth Bergthold was absent. In an emailed report, she mentioned some incidents of vandalism and a project to lower one of LFL's so the littler children can see the books.

Scholarship Committee: Linda Elliott said the modifications to the application and guidelines suggested at the last board meeting have been made. Jennifer Ellingson is distributing the applications.

Membership: Merle Burbridge read the board a short article on legacy donations that she plans to place in the next newsletter.

Newsletter: Keith Herritt was absent.

Library Advisory Board: Margaret Bomberg deferred to Patrick Newell, who said the LAB approved the budget for marketing.

Marketing Project: Patrick Newell reported that the students' marketing project is moving forward. He also displayed samples of merchandise, such as onesies, to promote literacy to families with young children. He is hoping to find someone (perhaps a mother) to work on this project. He will make a formal proposal later.

Branch Librarian's Report: Cynthia Pustejovsky showed the board flyers for a Chess Tournament, ages 6 to 18, to be held on March 2. Money is needed for prizes, new clocks, and new chess sets. The board approved \$500 for this purpose (Bomberg, Burbridge, approved). Babies Love Books is getting very crowded and may need to move to the Community Room on Friday mornings, which would mean rescheduling book sale setup. Also, Wild Things draws a really big crowd and Cynthia is considering trying to find another locale, such as the Masonic Family Center.

New Business

Nominating Committee: Margaret Bomberg agreed to serve as chair. Nominees are needed for President and Treasurer. Elizabeth and Keith, both absent, were suggested as additional members pending their acceptance. Diane said she is definitely not available to serve another term as Treasurer and handed out a list

of the jobs she has been doing. Linda Elliott agreed to take over the Webmaster role. It was agreed that outreach to find a treasurer may be needed and some ideas were discussed.

Speaker for Annual Meeting: Several possibilities were mentioned. Brenda Crotts will look into it further.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

The next meeting will be on March 19, 2024.