

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

Minutes of Board Meeting March 19, 2024

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

Guests: Cathy Coots, Jennifer Ellingson, Penny Evenson, Doug Kersig, Warren Patten, Jean Ping

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

Minutes: The minutes of the February 20, 2024, meeting were approved. (Bomberg, Elliott, approved.)

Reports

Treasurer: The board reviewed reports for the current month as presented by Treasurer Diane Friedman. Year-to-date book sale revenue is down a little. Dues are down but donations are up, so that the combined total is larger than last year at this time.

Book Sale: Nancy Leek reported that revenue from the February book sales was \$4634.62, and \$4523.26 so far in March. Terry is still looking for carts; Jean Ping has some that could be useful for displays.

Little Free Libraries: Elizabeth Bergthold reported on her review of inventory of the LFL's.

Scholarship Committee: Jennifer Ellingson updated the board. Scholarship applications are due by Easter, March 31.

Membership: Diane reported we have about 540 members at present.

Nominating Committee: Margaret Bomberg announced that current president and secretary have agreed to be renominated. She requested nominations from the floor, but there were none. The vote will take place the Annual Meeting, where there can also be nominations from the floor. As Diane Friedman is resigning as treasurer, the board voted to add Jennifer Ellingson to the board to take over that job effective immediately. (Friedman, Bomberg, approved.) Jennifer suggested that the books be audited. The board agreed to hire CFOL's accountant, Holly Platson, for that purpose, for a cost expected to be between \$1000 and \$2000. (Leek, Elliott, approved.)

Library Advisory Board: The next meeting is April 17 at the Paradise Library.

Marketing Project: Jean Ping showed pictures of the design for onesies to be placed in gift bags for babies given by hospitals. She says about 2000 babies are born in Butte County each year. The estimate is that producing that many onesies would cost \$21,600.00. An initial run of 100 would cost \$1080.00. LAB will be requesting funding from all the FOL's, but Chico has the deepest pockets. The board approved \$480, in addition to the \$600 already approved, to fund the initial run. (Elliott, Bomberg, approved.) There was discussion of possible expansion to T-shirts for older children, if the program is popular, and inclusion of information on library programs in the gift bags.

Branch Librarian's Report: Cynthia Pustejovsky reported that the Chess Tournament was a great success. Staff is preparing the Summer Reading program. Cynthia is looking into using the Elks Lodge for Wild Things this summer and getting support from other groups. She also distributed materials from the County asking for public feedback on a proposed 1% sales tax increase that may or may not be on the ballot in November this

year. If passed, the revenue raised would go into the general fund to be drawn on for many purposes, potentially including support for the library, but that is not guaranteed.

Old Business

Annual Meeting: Eric Miller will be the speaker. There will be a brief business meeting for election of officers.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

The next meeting will be on April 16, 2024.