

Friends of the La Mesa Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 25, 2012

Attendance:

Board Members: Robert Duff, John Schmitz, Eileen Schmitz, Bob Thatcher. **Guests:** Ruth Ketchum, Heather Pisani-Kristl, Jessie Godwin. **Excused absence:** Deborah Ives

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President John Schmitz at 4:45 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The September minutes were approved. Bob Duff asked for a .PDF of approved minutes for the FOL web page.

Treasurer's Report:

- Bob Thatcher reported that all records are reconciled.
- His September Statement of Financial Position, and the Income and Expense Statement were accepted, with \$1515.61 in revenue and \$1300 in expenses.
- Per Board direction, Bob noted that the budget was amended to move \$800 from excess Matching Funds to Library Support Other.
- The Bookstore's income averaged approximately \$54.56 per day in September.
- The new debit card linked to the checking account was obtained for general use. The new web host cost has already been paid from this account.
- It was moved, seconded and approved to buy a microwave for Library staff use.

Library Report:

- Ruth Ketchum said that she will be moving to the San Marcos Library on November 2nd. She introduced Heather Pisani-Kristl who will be our new full-time Head Librarian. Heather comes to us with an extensive background in Collections at the County headquarters.
- Anna Hartman has been temporarily promoted to Headquarters to work in system-wide Program Services for Youth and Teens. Coming from the Spring Valley branch, Christine Plante will be the new Children's Librarian here.
- Ruth presented comparisons of how much how much the Friends are now spending on programs and materials versus four years ago. She noted how much this has helped the County weather the recession by keeping branches open and providing quality services at the La Mesa branch.
- Dr. Charles Ross from the Laubach Literacy group will assess and begin to tutor a few adults in reading, writing, and speaking English as a Second Language. He would like to expand to an ESL class to be held in the evenings in the Bookstore, perhaps on Sundays or Thursdays, depending on other needs for this room.
- The Library would love to fund more musicians again if sufficient County funds ever come available.
- Jessie Goodwin announced that our Library is hosting a "Write-In" from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. on Thursdays in November, except for Thanksgiving Day. It is part of National Novel Writing Month.

- Jessie also listed upcoming concerts paid by the Friends. The Acoustic Showcase will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3rd, featuring bluegrass music. A string quartet will play holiday music on Saturday, December 15th, also at 2:00 p.m.
- At 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, November 14th, Mitsuko Kawamoto will talk about her experiences living in the Poston Internment Camp in Arizona during WWII. This follows the adult book club's discussion of Farewell to Manzanar at 10:30 a.m.

President's Report:

- John Schmitz discussed the possible renaming of the *Readers/Writers* event to *Authors and Artists*. It will be combined with the Library's birthday next June.
- There haven't been any new memberships in the past month.
- John handed out a draft of the revised bylaws for review and a list of notable changes. In the interests of time, it was decided that the Board would email any concerns to John by Thursday.
- The November regular Board meeting will be combined with a General Membership meeting to adopt the bylaws and to elect a new board. John and Eileen will mail notices to the FOL members.

Bookstore: Ruth Ketchum said she would follow up on Deborah's request to move a few bookshelves to mark off a work area.

IT: Bob Duff reported that he has arranged for a new company, Web Host, to replace Intuit. He has also set up a new DVD featuring the *Generational Games*, and he has other DVDs that he can swap out.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:28 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz