

Friends of the La Mesa Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 25, 2013

Attendance:

Board Members: Robert Duff, Deborah Ives, Bob Thatcher, John Schmitz, Eileen Schmitz, Chris Gonzales (City Ex-officio). Excused Absence: Heather Pisani-Kristl
Guest: Safa Arabo

Call to Order: President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The March 2013 minutes were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher presented the *Statement of Financial Position* and the *Income and Expense Statement* as of March 31, 2013. Both were accepted.

Bob asked Deborah to show Bookstore volunteers how to correctly stamp checks made out to Friends of the La Mesa Library.

IT: Webmaster Bob Duff has finished setting up the new website, which is hosted at no cost to the Friends by web designer Steve Babbitt. Bob feels certain that changes can be made more easily and faster. Please view fml.mile3.com.

- John and Bob will work together on a calendar.
- If John will provide a .jpg or .pdf, Bob will post the *Authors and Artists* event.
- Perhaps the New York Book Reviews could be linked to the site.

Library Staff Report: Safa Arabo, Operations Manager, represented staff at this meeting.

- He reported that the Volunteer Breakfast was well-attended. Assistant Director Donna Ohr was there on behalf of the County Library Director, Jose Aponte.
- Circulation slipped into 3rd place, after Vista and San Marcos. However, La Mesa leads in adult music CDs and magazines, and is 2nd in adult non-fiction.
- Librarian II Denise Stutzman took part in an inservice for 1000 students at Helix High School.
- Plans are going ahead for the Flag Day Parade on June 1st. FOL pencils will be distributed.
- *Family Star Wars Day* will be held on Saturday, May 4th, from 11 a.m. - 1:00 p.m., with crafts, costumed characters, refreshments, and a special Teen Tech Club meeting.
- Upcoming events will include a puppet show for Dia de los Ninos.

President's Report: John Schmitz discussed the possibility of moving Friends' meetings to the fourth Thursday of the month. It was agreed to try it for a few months.

- John, Bob Thatcher and Heather Pisani-Kristl need to start working on a draft budget for the next year, and will consider the Matching Funds packages on the handout from the County Library systems.
- Membership renewals are up to seventy-three.

- Update on *Authors and Artists*: Fourteen tables and seven pop-up covers will be provided by the County Library. John will take fliers to Foothills Art Gallery. A possible vendor is Jamba Juice which would sell two flavors, 16 oz., for \$4.00, with 20% going to FOL. John will contact Starbucks to see if they will donate coffee.
- SD Business Solutions priced thumb drives higher than we'd like. Safa suggested that we look for 2-gigs for \$2.00, perhaps on Amazon.com. Eileen could make small labels to put on them. We also wonder what T-shirts might cost, compared to Kobey's.

Bookstore: Deborah Ives

- Deborah reported that two new volunteers, Maureen Zollner and Polly Mason, have been cleared.
- There were no bids on the Time-Life books so they will be advertised on Craig's List, and must be picked up here for cash.
- Coffee-table books could be sold at an outside table during Authors and Artists, and would help direct attendees inside to the Bookstore.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:36 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz