

Friends of the La Mesa Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 22, 2013

Attendance: Board Members: Deborah Ives, Bob Thatcher, John Schmitz, Eileen Schmitz, and Heather Pisani-Kristl (Library Ex-officio)
Excused Absences: Bob Duff and Chris Gonzales

Call to Order: President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The July 2013 minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher

- He presented the July Statement of Financial Position and the Income and Expense Statement. It was moved and voted to accept both.
- Bob gets the Express reports directly from Amazon.
- Matching funds were done this month and will show on the next monthly report.
- The Bookstore's daily average for July was \$50.82, compared with last year's average of \$52.18. Deborah asked that the average sales for each day of the week be added to the graph.

IT Report: No report

Library Staff: Heather Pisani-Kristl

- She reported that La Mesa Operations came in 3rd in the County. We remain 1st in Audio checkouts and are 2nd in Adult Print Circulation.
- La Mesa Branch took part in four different summer programs at four elementary schools in the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District. John would like to get the school contact information for future membership outreach.
- Heather brought a copy of the 2012/2013 San Diego County Library Annual Report to keep with our minutes. 5.6 million customers visited the 33 branches and 2 bookmobiles in the past year.
- The County Library's Centennial will be celebrated this Saturday at 2:00.
- Graham Hobbs is now working here full-time. Veronica Ortiz has taken a .5 position in Spring Valley.
- Barnes and Noble will host a Star Wars event on Saturday, October 5th. Heather will seek more information about how we might work with them.
- Discussion took place over what to do with the 7-foot Christmas tree that is taking up much-needed space. The consensus was to donate it to either Kiwanis or El Cajon Library.
- Midge Hyde will serve as the point person who will arrange for rotating displays of local art. The display rails will be provided by the County Library.

President's Report: John Schmitz

- It was decided to not meet in September as the president and secretary will not be in town. Bob Thatcher and Deborah Ives will take care of any business that might arise.
- Authors & Artists may be held in spring of 2014 rather than in the summer. John will attend the next meeting of the Arts Alliance and report back.
- John noted that the La Mesa Parks and Recreation Foundation is in the process of hiring a webmaster and setting up a website. He expressed his great appreciation of all that Bob Duff has done in creating and maintaining our FOL website with the help of Steve Babbitt.
- It was decided not to sell flash drives in the Bookstore.
- After discussion, it was decided that the Friends' vote would be cast for the proposed slate of officers for La Mesa Chamber of Commerce.

Bookstore Report: Deborah Ives

- She cleaned out the storage closet during the hiatus from new book donations.
- She will inventory the books stored at her house and try to get a bid for them.
- There are two new volunteers to be trained soon. If all goes well, the Bookstore may open at 10:00 a.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz