

Friends of the La Mesa Library  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
February 21, 2013

Attendance:

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

Call to Order: President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The January 24, 2013, minutes were approved with corrections.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher presented the *Statement of Financial Position* and the *Income and Expense Statement* as of January 31, 2013. Bob pointed out several items:

- \$1400.11 had been returned after a tax appeal and is back in the budget.
- The IRS report will be easier to complete and file this year, as the federal income limit for non-profits is \$50,000. The California income limit is \$25,000. Therefore the CA tax form will involve more complicated paperwork.
- Heather clarified that the Summer Reading Program has \$916.67 to use by the end of the fiscal year.
- It was noted that all of the debit cards for Express Accounts will be in Head Librarian Heather Pisani-Kristl's name.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept both *Statements*.

Bookstore: Deborah Ives

- Deborah reported that she decided against using the *Great Books* for the initial Silent Auction. Instead, she will offer the *Time-Life* twenty-six volume set which includes a desirable Master Index. She will continue to work out the details.
- She has arranged for Katharine Siebert to take trading cards and comic books to a convention in Orange County this coming weekend for a value estimate.
- Two potential volunteers have picked up the necessary paperwork. It may take six weeks to be processed.
- Fit It In Friday will take place tomorrow. John will stop by to see if Mildred needs any assistance.

Library Staff Report: Heather Pisani-Kristl

- Heather announced "Keeping the Dream Alive" which is a new community service program of the Housing Opportunities Collaborative on March 14 from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. It will be helpful to both first-time and repeat home buyers.
- We slipped a bit to third place in the County last month.
- The Children's Librarian, Christine, needs to take some personal time.

II: Bob Duff

- Bob apologized for being distracted by La Mesa-Spring Valley School District business.
- He has made the website changes suggested by the FOL Board.
- If Deborah will send her photos of the *Time-Life* series, he will publicize the set.

President's Report: John Schmitz

- About two dozen membership renewals have come back so far.
- John will contact Jim Timlin to find out the cost of thumb drives for sale to library patrons. Bob Duff suggested that they be only 1 GB each and that the price be compared to WalMart's price.
- Deborah requested that John also find out the cost of nice-looking magnetic name tags for Bookstore volunteers.
- John, Heather, and Glenna Boeman met for a phone conference with Karla Olson of Read Local.

John has received two letters from the City of La Mesa regarding the Flag Day Parade on June 1. We have already budgeted a contribution of \$100. He asked Heather to talk with the staff about what they would like to do this year. If the staff wants them, John will order more pencils to hand out.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz*