

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

Attendance:

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

Call to Order: President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:38 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The June 2013 minutes were corrected and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher presented the final 2012-2013 *Statement of Financial Position* and the *Income and Expense Statement*. It was moved and voted to accept both.

- Readers, Viewers, and Gamers all have money encumbered. Bob will make the quarterly transfers into those accounts.
- The Bookstore's daily average for June was \$51.07, compared with last year's average of \$50.91.
- Bob will bring the new budget for 2013-2014 to the August board meeting.

IT Report: no report

Library Staff: Heather Pisani-Kristl reported that La Mesa came in 3rd in the County overall, just a bit behind larger San Marcos. We're 1st in audio checkouts.

- Headquarters might spend some money to help refurbish the library. Heather and Safa Arabo will attend a facilities meeting with Charles Jarman to discuss remodeling.
- The carpeting is still not settled, awaiting bids from two contractors.
- John, Heather and Carol Underwood met recently to discuss the possibility of hosting a Seed Library here. In the El Cajon Library, the seeds were brought to adult gardening club meetings. Carol planned to contact the La Mesa Beautiful board to see if they would like to hold meetings here and oversee the Seed Library. It was agreed that this would not be a program for the Friends or Library staff to coordinate. John reported that he contacted Chris Gonzales about soliciting donated seeds from the Farmers Market. Chris Gonzales said he would take the lead in making any such contacts.
- Kids Care Fest will be on September 21 and is sponsored by Grossmont Hospital and the Parks and Rec Department. After discussion, it was determined that we cannot participate this year due to staff shortages and FOL members unavailability on that date.

President's Report: John Schmitz attended last week's meeting of the County Friends.

- There will not be an essay contest this year.
- \$20,000 is currently in the County Library Friends' Endowment Fund.
- Some Friends groups produce printed and mailed newsletters. A few others post online.

- Santee Bookstore has a separate storefront which raised \$65,000 but cost \$2,000 a month for rent. They also hand out coupons for kids to use in the Bookstore. We don't have enough quality children's book donations to make this feasible.
- Campo Friends provides prizes and the library gives out raffle tickets for every five checkouts. Someone needs to constantly seek donations for prizes.
- Deborah will contact Cardiff which said they have too many children's books.
- Del Mar charges \$35 per membership. A family gets membership for \$60.
- The size of FOL boards varies. Lakeside has four members. Imperial Beach has three.
- The County Library system's materials budget will be between two and three million dollars, which is significantly more than the one million in the past.

Bookstore Report: Deborah Ives

- Deborah has reinstated a two-color tracking stickers on bookstore items.
- John will visit Deborah's home in August to help her screen excess books.
- Discussion ensued over constant need for more storage and sorting space. We need to find a space that could be fixed up for our needs. John will make enquiries with the Women's Club and a local storage facility to ask if either can help.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:44 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz