

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

Attendance:

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

Call to Order: President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The February 21, 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 February 28, 2013.

- Several membership renewals have come in.
- The bulk of expenses were for the Express programs.
- \$53.36 went to Bookstore expenses.

It was moved, seconded, and carried to accept the Treasurer's report.

IT: Bob Duff

- Bob has spoken with Steve Bobbitt about improving the web design. John said that Bob Thatcher's son, Robert, may also be able to help as he knows Dreamweaver.
- If Chris can send information re: upcoming La Mesa activities and events, Bob Duff will put photos of such on the lobby TV video. Once the Authors and Artist flier is finalized, that can be posted on the TV as well.

Library Staff Report: Heather Pisani-Kristl

Discussion focused on facility needs:

- Chris reported that replacement carpeting may be bundled with other City of La Mesa projects for lower unit cost. It should be done this summer.
- Getting lighting into some areas is complicated by lack of access of power. An estimate should come in soon. FOL may be asked to contribute toward the cost.
- The County is still considering window screens to block sun in the late afternoons. It has been determined that this is a County Library system's responsibility.
- Wall displays could be mounted on metal chair rails.

Loitering, panhandling, and sleeping remain concerns. Chris will set up a meeting with the Police Department Crime Prevention Specialist, John and Heather. The Code Enforcement Officer has already been alerted to check for shopping carts.

Heather needs a check from FOL to send in for Library participation in the Flag Day Parade.

**Operations:**

- We hold the 2<sup>nd</sup> highest ranking for adult fiction and non-fiction.
- Express items constitute 5% of our circulation.

- Johneen is organizing a Volunteers breakfast on Friday, April 19, from 8:00 - 900 a.m.

President's Report: John Schmitz

- Membership renewals are up to sixty.
- **Authors and Artists** on June 15 - Karla Olson of *Read Local* will handle all authors. The authors are comfortable with the long tables used last year. Heather has three canopies and will try to reserve more through headquarters. Chris can likely get one or two from the Farmers Market. One canopy will be set on the patio outside of main speaker Richard Lederer.
- Artists may have to bring their own tables to fit within the allotted spaces.
- John will generate a registration form which will be given to Arts Alliance, Dr. Mark Arapostathis, Shannon O'Dunn, and other artists.
- Chris suggested that someone pick up keys to access a hose and turn on the spigot to clean up the covered area by city hall.
- Signage and cones are needed for traffic around the post office. Someone needs to be designated to help in that area.
- Chris will contact Dirk Epperson to see if Scouts can help with set-up and clean-up. The Scouts might like to sell drinks as a fundraiser. The Kiwanis will sell snack food.
- Publicity: Headquarters will make three or four large posters and print 100 fliers. Heather will find out the cost of printing another 100. John will contact La Mesa Today and La Mesa Patch.com for online publicity. Glenna Bloeman has the task of generating other publicity.
- Jim Timlin will get John the cost of bags, thumb drives, and magnetic name tags by April.
- Expand the Parks: Chris will call Community Services to start a dialogue.

Bookstore: no report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz*