

Friends of the La Mesa Library  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
May 23, 2013

Attendance:

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

Call to Order: President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:37 p.m.

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

IT Report: Bob Duff is pleased with the manner in which the new website functions. It is content-based and has links to the library web site as well. He requested that the board look through the tabs. Bob will be able to add events through the links. It needs a calendar and perhaps pictures of the inside of the library. Bob will post Authors and Artist information. When John has a new president's letter ready in word, it can be simply pasted into place.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher presented the *Statement of Financial Position* and the *Income and Expense Statement* as of the end of April. Both were accepted.

- He noted that book sales have been down, about a third according to Deborah Ives. This means that our money isn't quite keeping up with projected budget expenses. We'll have to look carefully at next year's budget allocations.
- Bob reported that \$100 was paid to the City of La Mesa for participation in the Flag Day parade.
- The library now has the needed new printer/scanner.
- Bob needs to transfer money into the Express programs.

Library Staff Report: Heather Pisani-Kristl reported that Chief Librarian Jose Aponte will present the "Legends Portraits" at 10:00 inside the library at the Authors and Artists event.

- The winner of the Chess Contest is from La Mesa. He will receive \$15 gift card.
- Myrna was transferred to Spring Valley.
- The staff will march in the Flag Day parade on June 1<sup>st</sup> and plans to hand out Friends pencils.
- La Mesa Library is currently at #3 in the county but is #1 in Chrome Books use.
- Wi-fi bandwidth should be increased in July.
- Heather handed out copies of possible packages from the County. When she gets a final list, she will consult with John and Bob to draft a budget.

President's Report: John Schmitz will go to the next City Council meeting to distribute fliers and to invite the Council members to attend the Authors and Artists event.

- John reported he has seven artists who have paid registrations and Read Local has signed up 27 writers so far. Seven artists have paid entry, too.

- Chris Gonzalez brought the contact information for the Boy Scouts. John will follow up to ask for help with setting up, taking down, and providing directions during the day. John will also get more of the small size fliers printed.
- Starbucks will provide coffee in the morning. Jamba Juice will sell two kinds of smoothies.
  - Once this event is over, we need to plan a *General meeting*, per our new bylaws.

City Business: Chris Gonzales

- Chris confirmed with Heather that the planned carpeting is moving along. Library staffers will get to see samples and choose between them soon.
- The Red Cross Blood Drive at the Farmers Market went well.
- He noted that the installation of blow dryers at City Hall cut down on trash. He suggested that the Library might consider using them in the restrooms if the power source can be figured out.

Bookstore: Deborah Ives is making plans to sell art books at a special table outside at the Authors and Artists event.

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

*Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz*