

Friends of the La Mesa Library
General Membership Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2014

Attendance: Present: Board Members Deborah Ives, John Schmitz, Eileen Schmitz, Bob Thatcher, Heather Pisani-Kristl (Library Ex-officio), and members Gertrude and Phil Hoffman. Absent: Bob Duff

Call to Order: President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:39 p.m.

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

Election: As there were no nominations from the floor, Deborah Ives moved to accept the proposed slate of officers and board members. The motion was seconded by Phil Hoffman and approved unanimously. The terms run for two years.

President	John Schmitz
Vice-President and Bookstore Mgr.	Deborah Ives
Secretary	Eileen Schmitz
Treasurer	Bob Thatcher
IT Coordinator	Bob Duff
Membership	Joyce Purcell

Budget for Fiscal Year 2014-15: John Schmitz and Bob Thatcher handed out copies of the proposed budget. It included actuals for FY 2010-11 through FY 2013-14. The main change is the increased emphasis on Matching Funds which can be earmarked for certain categories such as Hot.Right.Now, periodicals, and movies. The proposed budget shows that \$7,300 will be spent on Matching Funds in the fall. It is anticipated that the County Library will announce an additional opportunity for matching funds mid-year, at which time we will revisit the budget.

Deborah Ives moved for to approve the proposed budget. John Schmitz seconded the motion which passed unanimously.

President's Report: John Schmitz

- **Membership** is up to 110. At the last general meeting, Phil Hoffman inquired about the possibility of having Lifetime Membership as an option. John had contacted county-wide Friends for their feed-back. Most found that lifetime members drifted away from active involvement and didn't find it beneficial in the long-term We do have two honorary Lifetime members: Willian Fischbeck and Steve Babbit.
- **Authors and Artists:** We've tried for three years to make this a real community event but still the attendance was quite low. Most presentations could have been accommodated inside the bookstore instead of the Police Department's community

room. Several people who have worked on A&A say they won't do so again. We need to consider other fund-raising events.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher

- Total current assets are \$41,680.87 as of May 31st and are expected to be close to \$42,000 by the end of June.
- Phil Hoffman asked about Community Outreach. They covered membership in the La Mesa Chamber of Commerce and an ad for Authors and Artists in the La Mesa Courier.
- Bookstore sales had a small uptick in May. Last month's daily average was \$48.77 compared to \$46.23 last year. It was noted that the Bookstore is open for two shifts on Mondays and Tuesdays.
- Eileen Schmitz moved to accept the *May Statement of Financial Position* and the *Income and Expense Statement*. Deborah Ives seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Library Staff: Heather Pisani-Kristl

- This building has been in use for six years and has an average of 1,000 visitors a day. The San Diego County Library and Friends of La Mesa Library collaborated to replace the carpet; FOL purchased the new window coverings; SDCL upgraded the wi-fi, and provided new chairs and the electronic bar; and the City of La Mesa put lighting in the back corners.
- Heather stated that FOL generously gave over \$15,000 this year (FY14) to support library events and the purchase of books, movies, and magazines for La Mesa Library.
- Currently, library users who check out twenty items can receive two free Padre tickets.

Bookstore Report: Deborah Ives:

- Deborah Ives thanked the Library staff for its cooperation in not accepting donations of used books in June. This allows the Bookstore the needed time to clear and reorganize.
- She also asked that the minutes express our thanks and appreciation to the volunteers. We simply could not do without them.

Discussion: The membership form should be revised to ask if emails would suffice for communications as this would save paper and postage. Also, new Membership Chair Joyce Purcell and Bookstore Manager Deborah Ives will collaborate on a way to give members a discount in the Bookstore.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz

The next meeting will be on July 24 at 4:30 p.m.