

Friends of the La Mesa Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 23, 2014

Attendance: **Present:** Board Members Bob Duff, Deborah Ives, Joyce Purcell, John Schmitz, Eileen Schmitz, Bob Thatcher, Heather Pisani-Kristl (Library Ex-officio) and Käaren McElroy (City Ex-officio)

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

Approval of the Minutes: Bob Duff moved and Deborah Ives seconded the motion to approve the September minutes. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher

- Total current assets are \$36,356.82. Expenses were minor. Last month's daily average book sales were \$38.20 compared to \$51.79 this time last year. It was noted that the Bookstore was closed for a few days, causing a drop in receipts.
- Eileen Schmitz moved to accept the September *Statement of Financial Position* and the *Income and Expense Statement*. Deborah Ives seconded the motion which passed unanimously.
- Bob will move the money remaining in the Express accounts to Savings.
- He will purchase a coin roller if it costs less than \$40.

Bookstore Report: Deborah Ives

- The newest trained volunteer will begin working with Mildred Larcombe this Friday. Two other volunteers are coming along soon.
- FOL members now get a 10% discount in the Bookstore.
- It was decided to keep cash on hand at the same level.
- The Bookstore will close for two weeks during the winter holidays. Deborah will determine the exact dates.
- *Fit it in Fridays* will end with on October 31st. There will be other opportunities for member discounts and sales.

IT Report: Bob Duff

- Our official web address is friendsoflamesalibrary.org. It is time to renew at \$15 per year. John will find out if there might be a multiple year discount.
- New pictures of current Board members were taken to update the web site.

Library Staff: Heather Pisani-Kristl

- While a staff member is out on a Workers Comp issue, that position is being covered until Halloween by Jorgina Soto, who is on loan from Rancho San Diego.
- La Mesa Branch Library was first in adult audio last month, and again in second place for adult print and third for circulation in the County.
- Questions came up about the popular children's programs and how we compare to other libraries. Heather acknowledged that she has heard complaints from parents

about the children's area being too close to the doors for safety. There simply isn't enough space to truly separate the children's area while complying with ADA standards.

- An earlier yoga program for children was quite popular. Heather asked FOL to fund fourteen sessions from November to March at a cost of \$1200. It was moved by John Schmitz and seconded by Deborah Ives to move \$1000 out of surplus funds into *65027 Program/Crafts* and to review the budget to find the rest. The program is to be listed as sponsored by the Friends of the La Mesa Library. The motion passed. Bob Duff asked that Jake send him pictures and data for the web site.
- Heather will get a quote for window shades for the Teen Center.
- Heather informed Bookstore Manager Deborah Ives that the Jacumba FOL will accept donated VHS tapes.

President's Report: John Schmitz

- County Friends Meeting: John handed out a summary of the last meeting at which insurance coverage, dues, Foundation Report, and County budget and purchasing plans were discussed.
- Two Friends groups have hosted candidates' forum in conjunction with other civic organizations. We would like to explore this further before the next election cycle two years from now.
- So far, John has met with two City Council candidates. He will try to meet with the rest before Election Day.
- Heather will arrange to have the new donations box mounted in the lobby.
- After discussion, it was decided not to link our annual Authors event with the Artists. Instead, we'd like to keep the event inside the library itself.

Membership Report: Joyce Purcell

- A few more people have joined, bring membership to 122.
- Joyce drafted a letter to go with renewal notices at the end of this calendar year. Heather suggested a minor addition to the paragraph concerning Library Improvements.

City of La Mesa Report: Käaren McElroy

- Käaren gave a packet of flyers for the Parks and Recreation Stargazing event (*Unleash your inner Astronomer!*) for distribution in the library. It will be a free family event on Saturday, November 1st at the Community Center from 6:30 - 9:00 p.m. Youth Librarian Christine Plante will host a table at the Stargazing event.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz