

Friends of the La Mesa Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
September 25, 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 4:32 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The July minutes were approved.

IT Report: Bob Duff

- He has made several adjustments to the web site: listing more library activities and removing the online book sales. Jake Sexton has been very helpful in keeping Bob informed of library events.
- The recent Kids Care DVD is running in the lobby.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher

- As there wasn't a meeting in August, both July and August Financial Statements were presented. The largest expenses were for the summer reading programs and the payment to Matching Funds. Over all, our financial position is better than this time last year.
- The Bookstore receipts vary by day because the Bookstore is only open for one shift on Wednesdays, whereas there are additional morning or evening shifts on other days.
- Deborah Ives moved to accept the July and August *Statement of Financial Position* and the *Income and Expense Statement*. Joyce Purcell seconded the motion which was approved.
- The old Express debit cards need to be returned to Bob. He will look into getting a new one for bookstore supply purchases.
- He reminded Bookstore volunteers to put receipts in the envelopes in the money box.
- Both the state and federal forms were filed by Bob as of August 18th.

Library Staff: Heather Pisani-Kristl

- La Mesa Branch Library was second for adult print and third for circulation in the County in August. This was La Mesa Library's best summer yet.
- During the heat wave, 155 people came to be in the Cool Zone on a single day.
- The Bookstore will be used as a polling place on Tuesday, November 4th.
- The Rhinestone Grannies will perform at a holiday program in December.
- Heather would like to put FOL meeting dates on the printed calendar. John will review and let her know of any changes.

President's Report: John Schmitz

- John welcomed the new City representative, Käaren McElroy.
- It was decided that John will order a Donations Box that can be fastened to the wall in the lobby. Membership forms will be in the put in the holder on the front. Bob will monitor donations.
- John will try to contact City Council candidates to get their views on the library. There was a discussion about possibly hosting a candidate event in future elections. John said he would bring it up for discussion at the County Friends meeting to see what others have done.
- John met with Ally Dotseth, who runs a pottery studio in La Mesa's industrial center, to discuss the possibility of her doing pottery programs here with the teen group.
- Heather was asked about her session with a student teaching group from SDSU. She said it was successful and thought it would be good to host a session for local teachers.

Bookstore Report: Deborah Ives

- Last month's daily average book sales were \$41.56.
- The panic button has been removed by person(s) unknown.
- Discussion ensued over whether to accept rejected/unsold books from the La Mesa Thrift store. It was decided not to do so as our space is so limited that it must be reserved for in-demand books in good condition.

Membership Report: Joyce Purcell

- Membership is now up to 120 verified members, the highest in recent memory.
- Joyce will provide an updated membership list to the Bookstore every month, starting in October. A sign will announce that Friends the La Mesa Library will get 10% off all purchases.

City of La Mesa Report: Käaren McElroy

- Intergenerational Games will be held on October 16th.
- Park Appreciation Day will be on October 18th.
- The Expand the Parks subdivision of the Parks & Recreation Department will host a Stargazing event on November 1st at the Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz