

Friends of the La Mesa Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
April 23, 2015

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

Call to Order: President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:35 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher

- Expenses have been mainly for Programs with small amounts for miscellaneous and bank charges. Sales in the Bookstore averaged \$45.32 per day in March. Bookstore revenue has averaged about \$1500 per month, but over the past year, this has led to approximately \$3,000 shortfall in the budget.
- Eileen moved for approval of the March Financial Statements. Joyce seconded the motion which carried unanimously.

Bookstore Report:

- Nametags will be kept in the cabinet for Deborah to give to new volunteers.
- There are several boxes of excess books which John will deliver to Goodwill.

IT Report: Bob Duff

- He made a new DVD which is running in the lobby. If there are any difficulties in operating the new video machine, Heather will contact Bob.
- Bob has Parks & Recreation Foundation information that John gave him, plus pictures from the 1000 Books event.
- Steve Babbitt is still helping with the web site, but Paul Blanchard is training to help Bob put things together.

Library Staff: Heather Pisani-Kristl

- La Mesa Branch Library was third in circulation.
- The Book Donation policy will be printed up on half-sheets. Heather will email this version to other SDCL libraries.
- John Chapman is the new part-time Tech I, so the Library is fully staffed.
- Last month there were 7 incidents with one patron suspended for six months.
- The newly-adopted Rules of Conduct is in effect.
- The City of La Mesa would like to have a bulletin board for its news. Heather will find out if outside is feasible.
- John, Bob T., and Heather will present a proposed budget at the next meeting.

President's Report: John Schmitz

- The County Friends met last Friday. Girl Scouts asked about doing a blood drive. Jose Aponte discussed the groundbreaking for the new Alpine Library, and the new system budget in which "Materials" are back up to 13% of the SDCL budget.
- John explained that he recently took part in Senior Defenses at Helix. He will try to contact the Junior Principal to propose that possible projects could be a book drive or photographing Library events.

Membership Report: Joyce Purcell reported that membership stands at 96.

City of La Mesa Report: no report

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

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz