

Friends of the La Mesa Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
December 11, 2015

Attendance: **Present:** Board Members Joyce Purcell, John Schmitz, Eileen Schmitz, Bob Thatcher, Heather Pisani-Kristl (Library ex-officio), and past-president Joe Glidden.
Absent: Bob Duff and Deborah Ives.

Call to Order: President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher

- Bob distributed both October and November financial statements as there wasn't a board meeting in November. Revenue primarily came from Bookstore sales with a small amount from membership. In October, the San Diego County Friends insurance was paid. Expenditures in October and November paid for Children and Adult programs.
- Bookstore daily sales averaged \$29.83 in October and \$38.44 in November.
- The Financial Statements were accepted.

President's Report: John Schmitz

- The La Mesa Conversations session which discussed the future of libraries attracted 40 - 50 participants. Feedback was positive and several people took FOL memberships forms.
- The La Mesa Courier published a favorable editorial. John said he will write a letter to the editor in response. There was discussion about placing periodic ads in the Courier if the rates were reasonable enough.

Library Staff: Heather Pisani-Kristl

- She compared statistics from this year and last. The Library is running fewer programs but has increased attendance.
- Juvenile circulation is 14% higher than DVDs. The program, *1000 Books before Kindergarten*, most likely contributed to the growth in children's circulation.
- New programs:
 - Wi-Fi personal hot spots, AKA my-fi, are available through a pilot program. They come with unlimited data.
 - "Library to Go" - staff put together bags of five items on a single popular subject. Current ones are Star Wars, International Cookery, Spy-craft, France, and Downton Abbey. It was suggested that a library interest survey and membership form go in each. San Jose uses backpacks for children. Joe thinks he can bring five from a friend.

Membership Report: Joyce Purcell

- Membership is up to 116.
- Renewal letters will go out this weekend to all listed members from the last two years. If members paid more than \$10, she will provide a receipt for taxes.

IT Report: No report

Bookstore:

- The Bookstore will be closed as usual for the holidays from December 20th until January 3rd. There was discussion of using the last week of the month to clean and sort materials.

City of La Mesa Report:

Käaren McElroy has retired. The City of La Mesa will designate a new representative who may attend our January meeting.

Other: Joe Glidden attended "Coffee with a Cop" recently to promote safe places for kids.

Meeting adjourned at 5:15 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz