

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

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

Call to Order: President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of the June 4th meeting were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher

- May and June (end of fiscal year) statements were reviewed. Only \$16,000 was spent in this last year, almost all for programs.
- Bookstore daily sales averaged \$38.97 in May which is \$10 less per day than May 2014. Over the past fiscal year, Bookstore earnings were down an average of \$1 per day.
- Eileen moved to accept the May and June Financial Statements and Bob Duff seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

Bookstore: Deborah Ives emailed scheduling vacancies for the next two months.

IT Report: Bob Duff

- Jake Sexton has sent updates for the CD to Bob. It was suggested that Käaren McElroy could send City event information to Bob.
- The link from the County Library website to our site might not be working. Heather will find out if the County redid their online page recently.

Library Staff: Heather Pisani-Kristl

- Heather thanked the Friends of the La Mesa Library for providing more than \$10,000 to match County funds.
- The final analysis of lending showed that 29% are for adult books and 29% for adult DVD feature films. Children account for 25% while Teens remain small at 3%.
- There was a good turnout of forty people for the Dar Lilly *History of Jazz*. Taiko Drumming will be this coming Saturday.
- Recently, 200 parents and children attended the Hullabaloo musical event. 140 attended the children's magician program. These popular events, which bring in so many people, take up all the space inside the library and affected other users. Parking is also impacted.
- John asked if staff needed clip-on or lavalier microphones. It was tabled for now.

President's Report: John Schmitz

- The General Membership meeting will be held on Thursday, September 24, at 4:30 p.m. in the Bookstore.

- At the County Friends' quarterly meeting:
 - A member suggested that local Friends groups should support the County Library system's Foundation
 - Poway recently got new semi-shade cover over a patio area used for extra event space. Encinitas is starting a Teen program. Imperial Beach is getting a new library building.
 - Susan Moore, Deputy Director, said that the County system could provide logo tablecloths for programs.
 - Donna Orr, Deputy Director, reported on the amount of materials checked out through the entire system including a 75% increase in e-materials. She also reported that there are 100 new laptops in the County libraries, with 10 of them in our library.

- Regarding an investment policy, John said he would prepare a draft and contact attorney William Fischbeck, who was consulted when the Bylaws were revised, to ask if they need to be modified to reference such a policy.

Membership Report: Joyce Purcell

- Membership now stands at 101.
- Joyce will mail out notices for the *General Membership* meeting in September.

City of La Mesa Report: No report

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz