

Friends of the La Mesa Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
March 26, 2015

Attendance: Present: Board Members Deborah Ives, Joyce Purcell, John Schmitz, Eileen Schmitz, Bob Thatcher, Jake Sexton for Heather Pisani-Kristl (Library Ex-officio) and Käären McElroy (City Ex-officio). Excused absence: Bob Duff

Call to Order: President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

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

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher

- \$167.55 came in as contributions and \$1,275 from Bookstore sales. There were about \$400 in expenses, more than half of which went to Library programs. A new DVD player was purchased for the lobby. Total Assets now stand at \$40,479.63.
- Sales in the Bookstore averaged \$44.02 per day in February.
- Deborah moved for approval of the February Financial Statements. Joyce seconded the motion which carried unanimously.
- Bob will look into possible costs of putting \$5 - 10,000 in a better producing account.
- At the next County Friends meeting, John will ask about criteria for the Foundation investment fund.

Bookstore Report:

- Deborah reported that the Bookstore earned \$393 in five days of March Madness sales and it isn't quite over yet.
- Excess books that can't be sold in the Bookstore will be taken to Goodwill.
- Keeping the Bookstore open has been challenging. There have been a few no-shows and one volunteer quit abruptly. When that happens, the Library staff will put up a note on the door.
- More nametags are needed for new volunteers.

IT Report: None

Library Staff: Jake Sexton

- La Mesa Branch Library was up 14% in Juvenile materials. Overall circulation was also up 4.7% in February.
- The "Food for Thought" program drew 99 attendees. There were food demonstrations and a clown for the children.
- There were no security incidents last month.
- The County is developing a new policy against monopolizing seats or sleeping in the branch libraries. More wooden chairs are being brought in. Soft cushions are being cleaned in stages.
- There is no news regarding new window shades. We may need to seek a new vendor.

- A poetry contest will be held in April. Deborah Ives will create a \$10 Bookstore voucher to add to the prizes.

President's Report: John Schmitz

- Within a few weeks, budget planning should begin so as to be completed by a June or July general membership meeting.

Membership Report: Joyce Purcell

- Membership is now at 95.
- A letter will be sent to members ahead of the summer general meeting. Emails will be used if listed on the membership forms.
- Deborah asked if Joyce could send an email blast about Bookstore sales.

City of La Mesa Report: Käaren McElroy

- The City's maintenance supervisor will have an electrician determine if the two restroom outlets are suitable for electric hand-dryers and what the cost might be.
- John asked if the City can check the air conditioning system as the Bookstore seemed stuffy.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz