

Friends of the La Mesa Library  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
January 28, 2016

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

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the December 2015 meeting were approved with minor corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Thatcher

- Bob will start emailing the Financial Statements to board members to cut down on unnecessary printing.
- Bob reviewed December information. Book sales and memberships brought in \$1,139. \$830 was contributed by direct public support. Expenses were mostly for programs/crafts and a staff/volunteer event.

**Library Staff:** Heather Pisani-Kristl

- Operations and Personnel: Jose Robles has left. Graham Hobbs is temporarily acting in the Tech III position under Safa Arabo. The position will be advertised soon.
- The pilot My-fi program has been extremely popular but one router has not been returned.
- On Saturday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, there will be *Food for Thought: a Celebration of Cooking and Healthy Food* from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. This is a San Diego County Library Signature Event. Featured presentations will be by Claudia Sandoval (winner of MasterChef), raw food expert Mimi Kirk, and La Mesa's Bolt Brewery. It will be up to Deborah and volunteers if the Bookstore might open early that day.
- Heather distributed package options for the mid-year Matching Funds program. After discussion, it was voted unanimously to spend a total of \$2000 in the following categories: \$390 for eBooks, \$500 for Best of 2015 - Adult edition, \$500 for DVD Awards, \$250 for Kids Dewey 700s - Popular NF, and \$360 for Hotter.Right.Now Book Package. Each will be matched by the County.

**President's Report:** John Schmitz

- John reviewed the quarterly meeting of the County Friends. They have a new website developed with County staff assistance. John will ask Bob Duff add the link to our website. Jose Aponte discussed the progress of new libraries being built in Alpine, Imperial Beach and Lakeside. Jose also discussed the County's list of

approved programs for the branches. Friends-funded programs are not limited to this list.

- The La Mesa Conversations group discussed La Mesa's downtown at their monthly meeting yesterday. Several people in the audience brought up the need for more library space.

**Membership Report:** Joyce Purcell

- Memberships are being renewed this month. At this moment, there are 94 members.
- Joyce had to buy more stamps and will give the receipt to Bob Thatcher.
- She sent tax receipts to those who contributed more than \$10.
- Bookstore volunteers should know that membership envelopes are on top of the short cabinet next to the door.

**IT Report:** No report

**Bookstore:** Deborah Ives

- John reported about the Bookstore winter cleanup. He said that all books unsold after six months were put on temporary 10¢ carts in the lobby during the holiday. Books in poor condition were taken to Goodwill. Eight boxes were taken home to price on Amazon and ABE. Those determined to have value above \$50 will be held for a special sale. There was discussion about a March sale of cookbooks to coordinate with the *Food for Thought* program on March 12 and another sale in June to coincide with the summer reading kick-off.
- Deborah proposed that simplified pricing be used for normal shelved books, with hardbacks priced at \$1.50. FOL members would be charged only \$1.00 for these hardbacks. She will discuss the idea with Bookstore volunteers and report back next meeting.
- There are two new volunteers.
- There was discussion about getting a new library pricing gun. It was decided to wait until Deborah determined whether her new pricing policies would require a second two-line or single-line gun.

**City of La Mesa Report:**

Lyn Dedmon is the new representative to the Friends of the La Mesa Library Board.

**Other:** The February 25<sup>th</sup> meeting must finish by 5:30 p.m. to make way for an evening library program.

Meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.