

Friends of the La Mesa Library  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
July 28, 2016

**Attendance:** **Present:** Joyce Purcell, John Schmitz, Eileen Schmitz, Jake Sexton, Bob Thatcher, Gertrude Hoffman, and Carol Yaremko. **Absent:** Bob Duff, Deborah Ives, Heather Pisani-Kristl (Library ex-officio), and Lyn Dedmon (City Ex-officio).

**Call to Order:** President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:34 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the May 2016 meeting were approved as read. There was no meeting in June.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Thatcher

- Bob reviewed the May and June statements. He noted the daily average sales in the Bookstore in June were \$41.36, which was a bit higher than June sales in the past two years.
- Acceptance of the May and June Financial Statements was moved, seconded, and passed.

**President's Report:** John Schmitz

The draft budget for Fiscal Year 2016-17 was presented. Jake Sexton noted that, re: item 65021 - Programs/Crafts, he tries to use county-approved performers or find free or low-cost programs. With no changes to the budget from the floor, it was unanimously approved.

**Election of Board Officers:**

- With no new candidates nominated from the floor, all of the Board officers were reelected for another two-year term.
- John asked to have it noted that this will be his last term as president.

**Library Staff:** Jake Sexton represented Heather Pisani-Kristl

- La Mesa Branch Library was fourth in Circulation with 805,014.
- The Library Tech III position is in process and will be finished soon.
- Staff has Subscription Boxes for reluctant teen readers. At the moment, twenty teens are involved.
- The recent Taekwondo exhibition drew 89 participants. Silver Sneakers has an average of 25 attendees on Sunday mornings.
- Patrons using the computer wifi will see a new front page which requires them to accept the Rules.

**Membership Report:** Joyce Purcell

- Memberships are up to 126.

- Jake said he reminds program attendees to support the Friends of the La Mesa Library and that membership forms are available from the wall box. Joyce suggested the wording, "Brought to you by..." She will write it out for staff.

**Membership Comments:**

- Carol noted that the \$12,000 that the Bookstore earned is only possible thanks to the volunteer sellers.
- Eileen pointed out that the base membership dues have not been raised in years. She suggested that we should consider raising them before the end of the year.
- John reported that he, past President Joe Glidden, and Tony McIvor met with city council candidate Colin Parent to inform him of library history and needs. The FOL Board will remain non-partisan in the upcoming election.

There were no IT or Bookstore reports.

Meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz*