

Friends of the La Mesa Library  
**General Membership Meeting Minutes**  
September 22, 2016

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

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

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of the July 2016 General Membership meeting were approved as read. There was not a meeting in August.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Thatcher

- Bob reviewed the last two months' activity. In July, assets were down because \$8,700 was spent on Matching Funds. Money has also been spent on the summer reading programs.
- The family of Mildred Larcombe donated \$200 to the Friends of the La Mesa Library in her memory. It is much appreciated.
- The July and August Financial Statements were accepted.

**Library Staff:** Heather Pisani-Kristl

- Migell Acosta is the new Director of the SD County Library system. He brings a strong IT background with him.
- Heather introduced Grace Delgado who is the new Tech III.
- Heather expressed appreciation for FOL's contribution to the summer reading program which had 434 participants. Thanks also to FOL for paying for the shipping costs of subscriptions boxes for teen readers. There was excellent feedback from a class at the Art Academy. Bob Duff suggested the La Mesa Dale and Lemon Avenue elementary schools might be included in the future. He would also like a photo to post.
- Denise Stutzman made two posters: the Grossmont Girls Water Polo Team and the Helix Football Team each showcased teens holding books.

**President's Report:** John Schmitz

- John noted that candidates for City Council seats are not focusing on the issue of a bigger library.
- Octoberfest: FOL purchased a new tablecloth cover and a hanging banner. The maker, Fonseca Group, kindly donated a second banner. Our booth will be located in front of Maxwell's House of Books, between Spring St. and Palm. John ordered 500 pencils, 300 pens, and 500 membership brochures. John also has started a spreadsheet to track revenue and expenses. Joyce will print out an updated membership list so they can get their 10% discount if they want to buy a book at the

booth. Bob Duff will provide a cable to secure the carts overnights. Library staff will help with the booth and have materials to hand out.

**Bookstore Report:** John Schmitz

- John reported on the new relationship with Maxwell's House of Books seems to be working with a couple of books selling already.
- The bookstore will be used for a polling place on November 8 so we need to decide if we want a table in the lobby that day.

**Membership Report:** Joyce Purcell

- Memberships increased slightly to 129.

**IT Report:** Bob Duff

- Bob updated the volunteers' photographs on the FOL website and added Maxwell's House of Books.
- He would like to ask Migell Acosta about his plans and to put up the response with a photo.
- He thanked Jake Sexton for providing good pictures for the lobby DVD.

**City of La Mesa Report:** No report

- Lyn Dedmon is tied up with Oktoberfest preparations.

Meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz*