

Friends of the La Mesa Library  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
April 26, 2018

**Attendance: Present:** Board Members Bob Duff, Joyce Purcell, John Schmitz, Eileen Schmitz, Bob Thatcher, Justin Walker, and Heather Pisani-Kristl (Library ex-officio)

**Excused Absence:** Lyn Dedmon (City ex-officio)

**Guests:** Robin Bazabal and Robin Theilmann

The meeting was called to order at 4:30 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of March 22, 2018, were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Thatcher

- Total assets are \$44,741.86. Income from all sources came to \$1,535.83, mostly from book sales along with several memberships and donations. Expenses amounted to \$1,350.72, primarily for the support of library programs.
- Daily average sales in March were \$39.79.
- The March Financial Statements were accepted.
- It was agreed that the Bookstore will eventually accept credit cards for a minimum amount. Justin will continue working toward that goal.

**Membership Report:** Joyce Purcell

- Memberships are up to a record 182.
- Joyce distributed a chart showing the cost of FOL memberships in twelve cities. Only Santee is as low as us at \$5 for individual membership and \$10 for families. San Diego Central charges \$10 and \$20. It was decided to put this topic up for discussion at the summer General Membership Meeting. Joyce will mock up a membership form.

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

**Library Staff:** Heather Pisani-Kristl

- Johneen Sano, Tech II, will retire on June 2, after 29 years of service to the La Mesa Library.
- Heather is preparing for her presentation to the La Mesa City Council on May 22. She has statistics that show the use of the library has grown tremendously and photos of packed programs. John and Bob will gather information on how much money the Friends' book sales have contributed to support of the library.
- The Tenth Anniversary celebration of this building will be on Saturday, June 9. This day will also kick off the Summer Reading Program. There will be music, activities, and cupcakes. Parks and Recreation will have a table.
- Heather will be gone from April 30 to May 10. Please contact Veronica re: programs and Safa re: the building.
- The Flag Day parade will be June 2, 2018. John and Bob plan to walk with library staff.

**President's Report:** John Schmitz

- The General Membership/Elections Meeting will be on Thursday, July 26, at 4:30. Last year, we tried a different day and time in hopes of better attendance but it did not make a difference.
- We will post notices about the upcoming election and will ask interested parties to contact John.
- Heather, John, and Bob will prepare a 2017/18 draft budget for the May 24 meeting.
- There will not be a board meeting in June.
- John will have more brochures printed due to the increase in memberships. Heater offered the use of the branch copier at 15 cents a copy. John will check to confirm costs through College Copy.
- John distributed a summary of issues brought up at the County FOL quarterly meeting. (See attached.)

**Bookstore Report:**

- Deborah Ives has resigned. Robin Theilmann will take charge of the Bookstore with the help of committee that includes Robin Bazabal, Carol Yaremko and Cathy Smith.
- She will contact Craig Maxwell to review the system for handling our more valuable books.
- She asked about bringing in blocks of wood to keep books from being pushed back deeply into shelves. As there is more than \$200 in the budget, she was given the go-ahead.
- Robin passed out an updated volunteer list.

**IT Report:** Bob Duff and Justin Walker

- Heather will ask Jake to send library information and pictures to Bob Duff for the lobby video. The City has not sent anything.
- Justin is still working on transferring the web domain. When done, he will get a G-suite.
- He is working on new sections for the website. He requested that we look at Seattle's library website, and if we see good ideas anywhere, please let him know.
- Bob noted that he had not changed the lobby video recently.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:34 p.m.

The next meeting will be Thursday, May 24, 2018, at 4:40 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz*

## Notes from County Friends Meeting of April, 2018

- **Treasurers report:**
- \$5,560 balance in account, of which \$1,353 is on behalf of Casa De Oro, treasurer will serve one more year
  
- **Foundation**
  - Foundation still has 18 b/w Kindles for sale at \$75/ea. Maureen Phillips of Descanso will take over distributing to whoever wants to buy for prize (Summer Reading?)
- **Reports from other groups**
  - Del Mar – Received unexpected donation of 5% of an estate
  - Lakeside – Doing fund raising for new library
  - Lemon Grove has funds and gets donations but for what? Ideas provided for giving scholarships
  - La Mesa – recent success keeping new or expanded library on Council list for Civic Center improvements.
  - Cardiff – Scholarship ideas and noted bookstore sales drop. Discussion of volunteer screening by County. **Migell working to separate library volunteer screening from Friends volunteers.**
  - Santee –Recent relation with Barnes & Noble on fund raising. They have \$140,000 raised for new library

### Directors Report

- Migell introduced new staff in headquarters
  - Bill Saanwald from City of SD overseeing Orange region and bookmobiles. Wants to add/improve programing from bookmobiles. Moved for County FOL to give \$500 for materials
  - Sara Solis current County administration, new facilities manager (Charles still new construction)
  - Katy White from SDSU Foundation new Public Outreach
- Proposed FY 18-19 budget for library system would be \$46 million, includes 13% salary increase over five years. Will impact prior plans for new positions in system
- Initiatives
  - High school diplomas thru libraries – Migell on KUSI and next day got five new enrollees. Currently 120. Scholarships possible for \$1,000 to cover per student costs.
  - Kindergarten Gear Up on hold
  - E-Books – Currently about one million per year vs. 6 million print books
  - New cashier system probably by end of calendar year
  - Expanded bandwidth (1Gig/library) has administrative support
  - New projects
    - New Borrego – under const.
    - Bonita Expansion – about to start
    - New Lakeside – funding in proposed budget
    - Casa de Oro – in discussion with LMSV school district
  - Strategic Plan still in development