

Friends of the La Mesa Library  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
June 8, 2017

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

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

**Call to Order:** President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:31 p.m.

Heather introduced Veronica Estrada who is the new Youth Services Librarian II. She comes to La Mesa Library with experience in several others County branch libraries.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of April 27, 2017 were approved with minor corrections.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Thatcher

- Bob noted that the Bookstore earned almost \$1,500 in April. The daily average was \$43.14 which is higher than the last two years. Expenses were few, just for the Children's program and the Second Saturday.
- The Financial Statements for April were accepted.
- John requested that a line be added to note the beginning cash reserves for each month.
- Bob presented the draft budget for next year. Discussion ensued. It was agreed to increase line 43400-2 up to \$1,000 and to increase line 65021 up to \$700. Bob will make the adjustments and have the budget ready for approval at the annual General Membership Meeting.
- It was decided to have the General Membership Meeting instead of the usual Board meeting in July. In hopes of better attendance, it will be on Saturday, July 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 a.m. in the Bookstore.

**Library Staff:** Heather Pisani-Kristl

- **Personnel:** Adam Hanson, Tech II, accepted a promotion to Tech III working on the Bookmobile. April Davidson-Arce will take his place. She comes from the Alpine Library.
- Grace Delgado, Tech III, is leaving for personal reasons. Her position will go to open recruitment, and so won't be filled until fall.
- Heather, Alex Areta, and Denise Stutzman took part in the Flag Day Parade along with John and Bob.
- An old printer that the Friends had purchased for the branch is excess. No one had a use for it so it will be given to Goodwill.
- The Second Saturday program for June 10<sup>th</sup> will be Fouad Sawa and his Peace Band. Safa Arabo has advertised this event in the local Arabic community.
- Heather encouraged everyone to watch for new talent for next year's Second Saturdays.

**Membership Report:**

- Joyce received several more memberships, bringing the total to 114.

**Bookstore Report:** No Report

**President's Report:** John Schmitz

- The oil painting will remain up for the summer. A bid sheet is next to it.
- Village events: Depending on what the Village Association will charge, we hope to participate in Oktoberfest again.
- John has sent emails to two of the most popular Second Saturday acts to find out if they would like to participate again. He would like to work with Dr. A and his youth theatre to bring in a younger demographic.

**IT Report:** Bob Duff

- Bob asked that anything sent to him for posting online clearly indicate "for publishing".
- He sits on the Boys and Girls Club Board. There will be a ground-breaking ceremony on July 11<sup>th</sup> or 12<sup>th</sup>.

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

The meeting adjourned at 5:47 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Saturday, July 22, at 10:00 a.m. It will be a blended Board and annual General Membership meeting.

*Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz*