

Friends of the La Mesa Library
General Membership Meeting Minutes
July 22, 2017

Attendance: Present: Board Members Bob Duff, Joyce Purcell, John Schmitz, Eileen Schmitz, Heather Pisani-Kristl (Library ex-officio). **Excused Absence:** Deborah Ives, Bob Thatcher, Lyn Dedmon (City ex-officio). **Members:** Carol Yaremko, Gertrude Hoffman, Mary E. Harris, Anthony McIvor, and Robin Bazabal.

Call to Order: President John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

Treasurer's Report: John Schmitz

- The June report includes final information for the previous fiscal year. We have \$44,600 going into the new year.
- The Financial Statements for May and June were accepted.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of June 8, 2017, were approved with minor corrections.

Budget Presentation: John Schmitz

- The budget was already discussed and modified by the Board at the June meeting. John pointed out that donations can be earmarked into targeted areas, and that \$20,000 was divided into \$5,000 increments and moved into 6-, 12-, 18-, and 24-month CDs with San Diego County Credit Union to yield a better return. The Bookstore continues to bring in the most income.
- Robin Bazabal offered to stay later on her shift to increase income. She will contact Bookstore Manager Deborah Ives to coordinate.
- John explained that this year's Oktoberfest will be operated by an outside company hired by the La Mesa Village Association. He will ask if the fees can be lowered for community organizations.
- John noted that the second Saturday programs which were tested out between February and June were quite popular. The new budget includes funding for them. Heather and John are working on the schedule for the coming year.
- Carol Yaremko thanked John for his work. Eileen noted that nothing would be possible without the Bookstore volunteers.

Library Staff: Heather Pisani-Kristl

- Heather encouraged everyone to watch for new talent for next year's Second Saturdays.

Membership Report: Joyce Purcell

- Membership is up to 124.

IT Report: Bob Duff

- Please send pictures of library events to him for posting online.

There were no reports from Bookstore or City.

Comments and Discussion:

- In response to a question, John answered that the City of La Mesa advised San Diego County that they will pay what is owed for the land under the old La Mesa Library. The County will conduct a present-day valuation.
- John said that there is no political will on the part of the current La Mesa City Council to support a new library building. We continue to watch for opportunities, perhaps with a mixed-use project on the site of the old police station. We can hope that an RFP for that site would include an option for a 20,000 square foot library.
- Carol Yaremko's daughter is interested in walking in the Flag Day Parade next year.

The meeting adjourned at 10:55 a.m.

The next meeting will be on Thursday, August 24, 2107, at 4:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz