

Friends of the La Mesa Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
August 24, 2017

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

Excused Absence: Deborah Ives

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

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of July 22, 2017 were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher

- As of the end of July, there is \$44,650 in the bank. Reserves now \$20,025. All budget adjustments have been made.
- The daily average of Bookstore sales was \$39.10 in July.
- Summer reading was the main expenditure.
- The Financial Statements for July were accepted.
- The first of the reserve CDs will be rolled over into a two-year CD.

City of La Mesa Report: Lyn Dedmon

- Lyn distributed downtown maps and reviewed plans for Oktoberfest. A rock wall and kids' activities will be on South Palm. There will be better lighting on side streets. Third Street will be closed off for a beer garden and spirits bar. There will be vendors between Cypress and Pine. An inspirational area will be added. It will include water conservation, educational and historical groups, and learning about cooking.

Library Staff: Heather Pisani-Kristl

- Operations and Personnel: The new Tech III, Laurie Rosenberg, will begin on September 17th. She comes to us from El Cajon.
- The East County Homeless Task Force made a presentation to County Supervisor Dianne Jacob about the need for temporary and permanent housing, temporary showers, and reunification of family members. Churches and non-profit agencies are seeking help from the County. Heather serves on a youth subcommittee. It is estimated that there are 2,500 homeless youths in East County.
- Heather recommended that book donations be stopped until early October as they were building up in the staff area. John will take excess unsold materials to Goodwill.

Membership Report: Joyce Purcell

- Membership increased to 124.

Bookstore Report: No Report

President's Report: John Schmitz

- The donated oil painting sold for \$110.

- The Friends will have a table and book carts at Oktoberfest. Maxwell's House of Books has kindly offered its sidewalk area to us. We will bring the logo tablecloth and promotional materials. John will send out a request for volunteers to cover shifts.
- The schedule for the Second Saturdays musical programs is coming together. At the moment, October and December are unfilled.
- The 10th anniversary of the current library building will be in next spring. The 50th anniversary of the Friends of the La Mesa Library will be in 2018.

IT Report: Bob Duff

- Steve Babbitt is sponsoring our online website again. This led to discussion of our heroes, which will be revisited later.

The meeting adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz