

Friends of the La Mesa Library
Regular Board Meeting Minutes
October 26, 2017

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

Heather introduced two new members of the Library staff: Laurie Rosenberg who is a Tech III and April Davidson-Arce who is a Tech II.

Approval of the Minutes: The minutes of August 24, 2017 were approved as read.

Treasurer's Report: Bob Thatcher

- In August, \$9,000 went to Matching Funds.
- The Bookstore earned about \$1200 in both August and September, with daily averages of \$42+.
- The first of four CDs matured and was rolled over into a new two-year CD.
- \$110 earned by the sale of a donated oil painting. There were \$150 in donations.
- \$200 was spent in September for a *Second Saturdays* musical program.
- It was moved, seconded, and passed to approve the August and September Financial Statements.

City of La Mesa Report: Lyn Dedmon

- Oktoberfest went pretty well. There were only five arrests, with four of those being related to the closing of the Beer Garden. The stage there was reoriented to the east so neighbors on the west were happier. Adjustments were made to hold down the sound travelling to the east. The lighting on the side streets was much improved. The managing company hired by the La Mesa Village Association paid 50% of the recovery costs up front so the City was content.
- Holiday in the Village just received its permit. It will run Saturday, December 9, and Sunday, December 10. Fourth Street will be added this year. There will be holiday crafts, fire pits, and pony rides.

Library Staff: Heather Pisani-Kristl

- Charles Jarmon is Principal Librarian for La Mesa, Santee, Lakeside, and Bonita. He is also Head of Facilities.
- The Second Saturday schedule has been completed. (Insert table here.) This morning, there was a nice article in the San Diego Union Tribune about the series.
- The Pumpkin Painting Party drew eighty people today. Last Saturday, Star Wars had one hundred participants.
- Bookstore Volunteer Robin Bazabal will hand out treats to children in the Halloween parade tomorrow.
- Veronica Estrada is making plans for Pictures with Santa, to be held in December.

Membership Report: Joyce Purcell

- Joyce reported that membership increased to 130. Some donated extra money along with their membership fees.
- She will send out the annual membership letter soon. She and John plan to list some of the programs.
- It was noted that Bookstore Volunteers have the option of free membership in return for their help. Many pay the membership anyway.

Bookstore Report: Deborah Ives

- Her little dog Felix was a hit at the Oktoberfest. Some people donated a few dollars to pet him.
- Inventory needs to turn over more quickly. After discussion, it was decided to offer a new benefit to members, starting in December: 50% off their purchases. The membership list is updated monthly and kept at the Bookstore desk. Joyce will include this information in her membership letter
- The Bookstore will close for two weeks at the end of the year. The annual clean-up will take place the week between Christmas and New Year's Day. Councilwoman Kristine Alessio has offered to help with our annual clean-up. Perhaps she could help screen out the more valuable books.

President's Report: John Schmitz

- The Friends of the La Mesa Library will hold their next meeting on the afternoon of the Library Volunteers Potluck Dinner. Heather will confirm the date with Johneen who will coordinate the event.

IT Report: Bob Duff

- Bob Duff asked that promotional pictures be sent to him ahead of time. He hasn't yet received any materials from Community Services.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 p.m.

Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz