

Friends of the La Mesa Library  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
March 22, 2018

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

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

**Guests:** Jonathan Lange and Justin Walker

The meeting was called to order at 4:33 p.m.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of February 22, 2018, were approved.

**Treasurer's Report:** Bob Thatcher

- Current assets, including CDs, stand at \$44,641.71.
- Average daily book sales were \$34.46. Maxwell's House of Books also sold some better books for us for \$140.
- Expenses were for postage and library programs.
- \$95 in annual memberships has come in. Extra donations totaled \$45.
- The February Financial Statements were accepted.

**Membership Report:** Joyce Purcell

- Memberships are up to 162.
- Lifetime memberships were discussed. Other charities have different levels of memberships (e.g. silver, gold, platinum). Joyce will compile a list of current lifetime members and large donors. We will create a poster for the bookstore bulletin board, thanking our special donors.

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

**Library Staff:** Heather Pisani-Kristl

- Operations and Personnel: Heather introduced Larisa Voronina, the new permanent full-time Tech I.
- Heather will make a formal presentation to the La Mesa City Council on May 22, 2018. She will present statistics comparing library usage in the old building versus the new building. The focus will be on the library's role in providing services to the community. John will present examples of the Friends' support of the library's programs during the public discussion period.
- The Volunteer Breakfast will be held on Friday, April 20.
- There was discussion of hiring a consultant to survey the residents of La Mesa about their willingness to support building a new library. Many are unaware of the City's liability for the use of the County's property.
- The Flag Day parade will be June 2, 2018. Library staff will march in it and Heather asked if any of the Friends would participate. A motion to pay the parade entrance fee was approved.

**President's Report:** John Schmitz

- John met with the La Mesa City Manager regarding the possibility of a new library and the payment to the County.
- John asked members to advise him of their desire to remain, drop, or shift offices in the coming fiscal year. No one is stepping down. A motion to name Justin Walker as IT Coordinator was approved. Bob Duff will continue to operate the video system in the lobby.
- Bob Thatcher will prepare a draft 2018/19 budget for the April meeting.

**Bookstore Report:** Deborah Ives

- It's time to change the price tags on the books from orange to white. For the first 2 weeks of April, books with orange tags will be half price.
- We need to change the sign about the membership discount to read "half off all **regular** priced items."

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

- Justin now has access to the Friends' web site. He will set up a Google phone number so people can leave voice mail, and will remove Bob Duff's email from the site.
- Justin wants to transfer the domain name from Steve Babbitt's account. A motion to transfer the domain name and pay the fee was approved.
- Once the domain name is changed, Justin will set up a G-Suite account for FOL so that minutes and documents could be kept on Google Docs. He has a tablet that the bookstore staff can use.
- The next step would be to set up Square and buy a chip reader.
- Due to the recent privacy problems with Facebook, Justin and Jonathan Lange are waiting to set up an account for the Friends.

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

*Minutes submitted by Joyce Purcell*