

Friends of the La Mesa Library
Approved Board Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2019

Board Attendance: John Schmitz, Bob Thatcher, Robin Theilmann, Justin Walker, Joyce Purcell, Chelsie Harris, Bob Duff, Bonnie Baranoff

Board Absence: Jon Lange, Misty Thompson

Members/Guests in Attendance: None

Call to Order

John Schmitz called the meeting to order at 4:33 p.m. and welcomed everyone.

Treasurer's Report

Bob Thatcher presented the Treasurer's report. Book sales are up. We had almost \$1,400 in book sales for January. There were also additional memberships with contributions plus a \$10,000 donation from the estate of Sarah Makovic. We were also awarded a grant of \$4,274 to be used for Teen Programs. Bob proposes adding the \$10,000 donation to one of our 2-year CDs that is coming up. Bob Duff moved to approve. Joyce Purcell seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Bob and Justin Walker discussed how best to report online sales, as there is a several week delay between when a sale is made and the money from that sale is deposited into our accounts. Bob recommended that we report sales based on when the money is deposited.

Library Staff Report

Chelsie Harris presented the Library staff report. Veronica Estrada is still on maternity leave. We will need to allocate more money for Oasis classes (\$250 per class) and concerts. Oasis classes have had good attendance. The Richard Letterer event on April 6 is waitlisted. The library is looking at removing two stacks in children's area and replacing them with moveable shelving so room can be made for events.

Chelsie spoke with the City's Public Works Director about window tinting, and they said someone will get in touch with us to coordinate. We have two bids for tinting, from Solar Art and Made in the Shade. Each bid was around \$1,100.

Publicity Report

Bonnie Baranoff presented the Publicity report. Bonnie had a table at the Livable La Mesa event with membership forms and other info about the Library and the Friends. We will also have a table at the La Mesa Earth Day event on April 27. There will be no cost to have a table.

Bonnie has done a lot of publicity for the fiftieth anniversary event, including Facebook, the La Mesa Courier calendar, and Nextdoor. She had two new banners made for the Friends. One banner is for posting outside the bookstore. The other is a tall, standing banner for taking to events. We are now connected with the LMSVSD for discount printing. The fundraiser at Fourpenny house will be next Tuesday, February 5, from 5 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Bonnie will arrive early to set up a table, banner, membership forms, etc. Bonnie wrote an article about the Friends for the next La Mesa Historical Society newsletter.

President's Report

John Schmitz presented the President's report. The proclamation from the City of La Mesa is posted on the wall near the door to the bookstore. A recording of the proclamation from the City Council meeting is available to those who would like to see it.

John gave the Board a heads up to start thinking about the upcoming budget. He will be out of town during next month's regularly scheduled board meeting, so the board decided that there would be no March meeting.

Bookstore Report

Robin Theilmann presented the Bookstore report. We lost our Wednesday bookstore volunteer, but Chelsie Harris reported that a prospective volunteer expressed interest in the Wednesday position. Robin is going to schedule a time to meet with the person. Robin, John Schmitz, and Eileen Schmitz have been filling in on Wednesdays. On days when we don't have a substitute, the bookstore will close until a regular Wednesday volunteer can be found. Book donation storage was overflowing recently, so we will not accept donations while Robin is away on vacation.

Membership Report

Joyce Purcell presented the Membership report. We have 144 members.

Videographer's Report

Due to technical difficulties, Bob Duff may not be able to create a DVD for March. Bob will be the default person in charge of taking pictures at events unless otherwise notified.

Adjournment

John adjourned the meeting at 5:32 p.m.