

**FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
November 18, 2014**

ATTENDANCE: Sandy Sullivan, Janie Brown, Michele Powell, Jim Powell, Elizabeth Rhein, Gail Smyth, and Laura Einstadter.

Sandy called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. and declared a quorum. Michele moved and Jim seconded a motion to accept the October 21, 2014 minutes. The motion carried. There were no guests. Sandy read a letter from the River Pines Association thanking the Friends for its contribution to its Little Library. The Little Library is located in the center of River Pines across from the grocery. Sandy reported that Tom Mann from the Jackson Rotary meeting donated his 50/50 raffle winnings to the Friends. Sandy announced that Mr. Honeychurch deceased and that Sandy had sent a sympathy card to Mrs. Honeychurch

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bonnie presented the 10/08/14 through 11/13/14 report she had also emailed to the board members. There were no questions regarding the report.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Laura shared that she had attended the annual California Library Association Conference on November 7 through the November 9. She was in the Management Interest Group that discussed staffing issues and presented ideas on how to handle change. Laura reported the pods are working fairly well with only some minor intermittent issues on one pod. She stated the pods have helped with staff efficiency and reduced the theft rate. The library has been able to put all the information in the pods except for children's DVDs, the non-fiction DVDs, and large multi-part DVDs. The library received a huge donation of DVDs that will allow the Library to beef up the collections at the branches.

Laura discussed Grommet, the therapy dog, which is part of the Paws to Read program. These dogs receive specific training to serve in the program. Use of the dog allows teenagers who are shy or have difficulty to read to the dog for 15 minutes. Laura stated that these therapy sessions have been very effective.

Laura informed the Friends that Kari Carpenter, the literacy coordinator, is looking for space off-site of the library to be able to extend the hours the library can offer literary services.

Bonnie inquired about an audit of the branches and Laura reported that the computers in the branches are five years old. Laura will audit the branches to see what is needed.

NEW BUSINESS:

The issue of whether we have insurance for our book storage facility was discussed. Bonnie will check on what coverage we do have.

The holiday gathering will be at Ricks house on December 14 at 4 pm. Rick needs a response if a member will be attending so he can get a head count. Jim will send out an email requesting that information.

The Board agreed that no regular meeting would be held in December.

A nominating committee will be comprised of Elizabeth Rhein, Michele Powell and Gail Smyth. They will present the slate of nominees at the January 2015 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP –Rick was absent but submitted we have a total membership of 295; 2 business members, 80 family members, 1 honorary member, 93 individual members, 80 lifetime members, and 39 sustaining members. There are 174 memberships that will expire at the end of 2014 and there are 12 auto renewals.

BOOK SALE – Janie reported she had investigated the offer of a very large donation of books for a former bookstore owner but determined they were not suitable for our sale. Richard Forester, a Rotarian and County Supervisor invited Helen and Janie to talk to Ione Rotary about FACL and our book sales. Janie suggested that all future book sales be co-chaired because of the demand on the chairperson during the sale. Jim will handle the publicity for the next sale. Terri will co-chair and will update the procedures for publicity.

WEBSITE – Jim sent a long email to Louise. He suggested we list committed chairs but not committee members

NEWSLETTER – Jim reported that the next newsletter will come out at the end of January or the beginning of February in time to promote the coming concert and book sale.

FARMER’S MARKET – Our participation is over for the season and will be revisited in 2015.

PUBLICITY – There was no discussion about publicity except for the annual concert.

ANNUAL CONCERT/FUNDRAISING –Michele reported that Susan Staggs is on track with her timeline. The news releases are done, the bookmarks are printed, and tickets will be provided to Wolf at the Hein & Company Book Store in Jackson. Wolf has

agreed to sell tickets to the concert. A feature article has been drafted for publication. The poster has been designed and approved by the Committee. The pre-performance ticket prices were raised to \$22 but will be \$25 on the day of the concert. Two raffle prizes have been secured. Jim Guidi will serve as master of ceremonies. The Board discussed whether an ABC license would be required or if we need a state license for a raffle or silent auction.

OLD BUSINESS

Sandy indicated she had spoken with one of the new owners of the property where are book storage is located. She said he assured her we had nothing to worry about at this time and we could continue business as usual.

The Imagination Library for First Five will use or logo on its brochure

Our agreement with Amazon Smiles prevents us from advertising in print but we can do electronic recruitment including blast emails. Jim will develop a link for the FACL website that connects directly to Amazon.

Janie asked that the name and contact information for any large book donations be given to her.

Sandy will not be at the January meeting and asked Janie to chair the meeting.

Sandy adjourned the meeting at 10:43 A.M.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 20, 2015 at the GSA Building.