

FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
JUNE 16, 2015

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Janie Brown, JoAnn Chevrette, Jan Hewitt, Jim Powell, Michele Powell, Rick Sprenkel, Ed Pogue Laura Einstadter (ex officio)

ABSENT: Elizabeth Rhein

President called the meeting to order at 9:00 am and declared a quorum.
M/S/P Brown/M Powell/unanimous to accept the May 19, 2015 minutes.

No correspondence

Treasurer's Report

5/16/15 – 6/14/15 report

Laura corrected the name on the expenditure for "Reading House" to "Dear Reader". No other discussion.

M/S/P: ?/?/unanimous to accept the report as modified.

Library Director's Report

Summer Reading

Summer Reading began Monday June 15th. We had 40 children sign up on Monday for the program at the main library.

The kick off event for the summer reading program will be Thursday June 18th 11-12 at the main library Jackson. Storyteller BZ Smith and Peg Reza will be performing. The lone branch will have their kick off Wednesday June 17 at 11:00 a.m. Laurie Story will be performing. Upcoming events Monday June 22nd 6:30 p.m. at First5 Amador Amador County Concert Band will be performing. June 25th Amador City Ukeamaniacs will be at the main library in Jackson. July 9th we have Stockton Bukkyo Taiko at Detert park at 11:00 a.m. We also have crafts, reading to therapy dog Grommit and a couple of storytimes.

Library is out of canvas book bags.

Discussion of what Friends could do to improve library environment. Rick asked about costs to finish library shelving project. 6 new units needed @\$5.4k each. Library carpeting badly needs replacing - ~8500 sq ft. Laura to check on costs.

New Business:

Little Free Libraries: Nina got \$1k from PG&E, ½ to be used for LFL. Rick reported there will be 12 more LFL from Pine Grove School. Group looking for some funding - \$2k will be needed for materials and registration, half already raised. Janie said the book room team will start setting aside appropriate books for LFL. Likely that some children's and juvenile books will need to be purchased.

Holiday Pop-Up Store: Elizabeth to investigate non-board volunteer level of interest and report back.

Friends Appreciation Event: Board agreed on some kind of "Thank You" event after the book sale, and a more ambitious event coordinated with Library Week next spring. Perhaps a progressive event, visiting each branch library. Maybe providing a bus, given limited parking in some locations. Jim will ask for volunteers via Newsletter. Jan agreed to coordinate.

Farmers Markets: Janie said she had volunteers to do at least 2 markets in Sutter Creek. Board agreed we should do 2 markets in Jackson, July 5, and 19. Hours are 8 – 12, and keep analytics on number of people spoken to, number of memberships taken, envelopes passed out, etc. Based on results, Board will decide whether to continue at July board meeting.

Canvas Bags: Some discussion. Jim agreed to redo the graphics. Janie talked to J&B regarding price and availability. Cost will be ~4.40/bag, depending on the number ordered.

M/S/A Pogue/Chevrette/M Powell dissent: to purchase an additional 200 bags to sell for at least \$7.

Advocacy Program: Discussion. Availability of Library is what we should focus on. Raising awareness with Supervisors. Need to identify stakeholders in the community.

Jan to meet with Laura to craft a message that can be consistently used, and provide it to Rick by Friday for his President's Message in the Newsletter.

Old Business:

Digitization: Rick mailed the letter to Jack Mitchell. Will follow up with a phone call in the next few days. Need to get the Ledger to resolve the legal issue before we can proceed with fund raising.

2016 Concert Status: Michele reports no changes – performer and room scheduled, contract signed, ready to go. Jan to get publicity time line. Bonnie considering taking on responsibility for raffle.

Record Retention Project:

Digitization of some records has begun. Will need storage location for paper records. Janie to get electronic copies of minutes she has to Bonnie.

Trash to Treasures Report: Janie reported that we made ~\$180, and all agreed that it wasn't the amount of money earned, it was the opportunity to make the public more aware of the library, and services available.

Committee Reports:

Book Sale/Book Room: Janie reminded that there will be a Book Room Work Day on Jun 22. 10:30 – 2-ish. Janie will bring snacks, others are welcome to bring something to eat as well.

Communications: Jim will start working on Newsletter today.

Membership: Jim to send out a final plea for renewals

Adjournment

Next meeting: July 21 @ 9am at the GSA building