

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY MINUTES March 11, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President, Susan Guest, in the library conference room at 1:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trudy deGroot, Kathleen Frederick, Gay Girard, Susan Guest, Barbara Hartsell, Sue Henderson, Donald Hess, Marci Homer, Judy Mullins, Susan Sawyer, Carol Schuler, Burt Smith

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 12, 2024 meeting were read and a correction under Book Sale Report was noted. The request to buy new tables should have read, 4 new tables, rather than 2.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Sue Henderson, reported that the balance as of January 9, 2024 was \$8,821.54 and after expenses (including \$1,000 scholarship to PRIDE) and deposits, the balance today, Marh 11, 2024, is \$8275.61 plus \$80 in the cash box. There will be no more bank service charges as Sue is now doing online banking.

BOOK SALE REPORT: Trudy deGroot said she will bring the work sign-up sheets to the April meeting. Susan Guest and Susan Sawyer have been working on book marks and posters advertising the book sale. Susan S had 300 book

BOOK SALE REPORT(continued): marks printed for children to color and bring to the book sale for a free book but the book marks don't read for children. Susan G said since our mission statement is to promote literacy, she thought we should give a free book to anyone who brought a book mark they had colored. There was discussion and it was decided that would be good advertising. 200 more book marks will be printed; some plain without the pictures to color. Since Serena, library assistant, will be making new large posters for the book sale, she was brought in to the meeting for discussion as to the wording for the posters. Gay said she took the two large banners home and cleaned them and, with yellow duct tape, updated the dates of the book sale on them for both April and October book sales. Our next book sale is April 23, 24 & 25 with set up April 22. There was discussion after Barbara asked about putting a sign out by the freeway on Sperry as some residents probably never get in town and don't know about the library. Barbara said she would scout it out.

LOVE PATTERSON: Gay gave out flyers for the Love Patterson Event which will be April 20th. Since it is a few days before the book sale, she thought it would be a good idea to have a Friends of the Library booth at this event to both promote our book sale and also the many services the library has to offer. The event will begin with a kick off rally and breakfast at North Park at 8:00 AM followed by volunteers going to their various booths/projects from 9:30 AM – 12:00 PM with a wrap up rally and lunch at North Park at 1:00 PM. We will have membership sign-up

sheets, book marks, pencils, pens, etc. to hand out and we may assist another booth who is having children making posters. Gay asked for volunteers to help with the Friends' booth.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Susan Sawyer thanked the Friends for buying the 4 new tables. As already mentioned under Book Sale Report, Susan brought a lot of book marks that the library had made.

She said the library took a week off from activities in order to host the elections. She said even though it was inconvenient, the library did have more foot traffic during that time including people who had never been to the library before and some got library cards.

Susan said the library is trying to book Python Ron again for September or October and wonders if the Friends would pay for a second show because it is so popular. Last year the cost per show was \$400. Sue Henderson made a motion for the Friends to pay for a second show of Python Ron, Gay seconded and motion passed.

Susan said she has no additional wish list but would like to have the check today for the Switch package and the DIA funds, both of which have already been approved for a total of \$1,350.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Susan brought the liability insurance policy which will be put in the Friends file cabinet. This policy was obtained through the California **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**(continued): Library Association

and the old policy was obtained through the American Library Association.

Susan said she set up a Friends gmail account which is friendsofthepattersonlibrary@gmai.com.

Susan received a letter from PRIDE wanting to know how much our scholarship will be this year. The PRIDE awards presentation will be on May 7 at 7:00 PM. Barbara and Gay will present the Friends scholarship.

OLD BUSINESS: By-Laws – There was much discussion about the By-Laws being very out of date. It was suggested that we have a committee to work on the By-Laws. Gay said she would put them in electronic form so they will be easier to edit. Perhaps a committee could be formed by May to start working on revising them.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:05 pm to sort books.

Our next meeting will be April 8, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mullins, Secretary