

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY MINUTES
November 10, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Pres., Marilynne Allen, at 1:15 PM at her home.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilynne Allen, Pat Burch, Margaret Castro, Trudy deGroot, Cathie Ferreira, Sue Henderson, Ronna Lubker, Judy Mullins, Carol Schuler, Kay Swift and Librarian, Kelly Thompson

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Kelly, Patterson Librarian, reminded us that she wasn't here for last month's meeting; so didn't ask for any money last month in order to prepare us for her request this month. She had two requests: (1) \$220 for story time materials and 12 new story time books and 9 new music CD's (which Sandy requested). (2) Various supplies such as signs in the children's area, bookmarks, welcome banner for story time, markers, etc. Sue Henderson made a motion to give Kelly \$720; seconded by Pat Burch and passed. Kelly requested two separate checks because the items will be obtained from two different sources. Kelly said she had a good turn out for Teen Night; probably would have had more but it coincided with the opening of Taco Bell. If it works out that she has more teens attend, she will start making it a monthly program. She said they could start having games and have prizes, pizza, etc. She said she will start posting flyers at the Teen Center, the library and at the schools. Ronna said she will take flyers to the high school and middle school. Kelly said that they usually don't do craft programs at the library in December but will start again in January. She also said that her petty cash fund is running low. Kelly said the city returned our book sale banners and we need to check and see if they are the correct ones.

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TREASURER'S REPORT: Treas., Sue Henderson, reported that the balance as of October 13, 2008 was \$4,039.36. After expenses and deposits (including the money for the mosaic repair and book sale deposits), the balance as of today, November 10, 2008, is \$5,323.67. This amount does not include the \$80 in the cash box and the \$2,128.49 CD (\$2,000 CD plus interest).

MINUTES: The minutes of the October meeting were read and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Marilynne went to a meeting of the Stanislaus County Library Foundation and was told that the Patterson FOL is the best in the county.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **October Book Sale:** Marilynne said that we need more people to work the various shifts at the book sale-----we need 5 people for set up and 3 people (1 cashier and 2 floaters) for the first shift on the first day of the sale. She said that the man who usually takes all our leftover books won't be doing it any more; thus will no longer be giving us a monetary donation. He's going to try to get his father to take away the books. Margaret takes some leftover children's books for the Pantry and Kelly said she would take good quality children's books and current fiction for the library. Marilynne also had some tips on how the books should be sorted in the boxes (spines level and all facing the same way so they are easy to read).

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OLD BUSINESS (continued):

- **Patterson Mosaic:** Marilynne asked Kay if she would call Mr. Park and see when he could come to show us how to do repairs on the mural.
- **Christmas Gifts for FOL Helpers:** Marilynne said that she has already bought some See's Candy certificates for this purpose.
- **Mission Statement on Membership Form:** Judy passed around a membership form for everyone to read that had a one sentence mission statement on it. There was discussion and everyone seemed to be in agreement with this statement; so Judy will print some new forms which include the mission statement.
- **County Library Website on Meeting Minutes:** As requested at last month's meeting, this has been added to the bottom of each page of the minutes.
- **Stanislaus County Library 2009 Outreach Program:** At last month's meeting; County Librarian, Vanessa Czopek, suggested that we contact city and county officials to try to get them as members of the Patterson FOL. Judy drafted a letter (and passed it around for everyone to read) that could be sent out at the beginning of next year for our annual membership drive. There was discussion and it seemed to be the consensus that we would send the letter out in 2009. Kelly requested a copy of the letter to have at the library to give out along with membership forms.

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NEW BUSINESS:

- **Tax Sunset Law:** The extension of a 1/8 cent special tax for another 8 years for Stanislaus Co. library services and facilities passed in 2004. That law will sunset in 2013 and there will be another primary vote in 2012, which means that campaigning to start raising money for the libraries will begin in 2010.
- **Fund Raisers:** There are various ways to raise money for libraries; such as donations from Friends of the Library, cocktail parties, etc. No specific activities have been planned at this time.
- **County-wide FOL Group Meeting:** On March 14, 2009 there will be a meeting of all Friends groups in the county to exchange ideas. All members of this group are invited to attend. We will be notified of the location and time later.
- **Election of Officers:** There was discussion about whether any of the current officers would like to give up their jobs. Kay Swift said she would like to give up her job as historian; but if no one else wants it, she will continue. Sue made a motion that we keep the same officers for next year; it was seconded by Carol and passed.
- **FOL Dues:** Dues for 2009 are due. If anyone wants, they may pay Sue today; otherwise they may pay in January

when membership letters go out. It is \$10.00 for active members.

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NEW BUSINESS (continued):

- **New Member: We are happy to welcome Ronna Lubker today as another new active member for the Patterson FOL.**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM, after which everyone enjoyed cake and coffee so graciously provided by Marilynne. The next meeting will be January 12, 2009 at the Library building.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mullins, Secretary