

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY MINUTES
October 13, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Pres., Marilynne Allen, at 1:05 PM in the library building.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilynne Allen, Chris Bingham, Pat Burch, Tammy Campbell, Margaret Castro, Trudy deGroot, Sue Henderson, Sandy McDowell, Maggie Lewis, Grace McCord, Judy Mullins, Faith Osteen, and County Librarian, Vanessa Czopek

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Kelly, Patterson Librarian, wasn't at the meeting today; however, it was nice to have County Librarian, Vanessa Czopek visiting. She apologized for the budget cuts in the county library system. She said the cost of doing business has gone up as well as grounds maintenance, building maintenance, etc. She said that there will probably be more cuts in the budget next year also. She said they are starting to lay the groundwork for the election in 2012 by campaigning for more money for the libraries. She asked if city and county officials are members of the Patterson FOL. She said that they all should be members and suggested that we contact them to try to get them as members. She said they are starting a system-wide library outreach campaign and that the Friends of the Library should all be advocates for the library.

She said that every spring the county library has a volunteer recognition event usually during National Library Week. It is a joint meeting for Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation. She wanted to know what day of the week we thought would be best to have this event. It seemed to be the consensus that a Saturday morning between 9:00-11:00 AM

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would be best for most people. She also wanted to know if we would like to have a permanent space in the Patterson Library to sell things. There was discussion and it was decided that we don't have enough people to staff it. So, it is not something we want to do right now.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treas., Sue Henderson, reported that the balance as of September 8, 2008 was \$2,897.03. After expenses and deposits (including the money for the mosaic repair), the balance as of today, October 13, 2008, is \$4,039.36. 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 September meeting were read and approved.

CORRESPONDENCE: Marilynne had received a letter from the Stanislaus County Library Foundation asking for donations from individuals or organizations. Sandy McDowell made a motion that we donate \$100 to the Foundation. The motion was seconded by Chris Bingham and passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Update on the Patterson Mosaic:** Mr. Park has agreed to come and show us how to make repairs to the mosaic. The Patterson Historical Society has given us \$1,000.00 and The Lions Club has given us \$260.00 toward the Plexiglas to cover the mosaic once repairs are completed. (thank you letters were sent to them.) The total cost for the Plexiglas will be \$1,354.65; so the Patterson Friends of the Library will make up the difference (\$94.65).

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OLD BUSINESS (continued):

- **Update on the Sprinkler Drip System:** Marc McGuire agreed, about 4 months ago, to donate his labor; so we just have to wait till he has the time to do it. The cost for materials is \$250.00.
- **Donated Boxes for Book Sale:** Dave Santos brought us a lot of new boxes to use for our book sales. He said he will bring us boxes any time we need them. A thank you letter was sent to him.
- **October Book Sale:** Sign-up sheets were once again passed around for members to sign up to work at the book sale on Oct. 22, 24 and 27. Also sign-up sheets were distributed for members to take book sale flyers to various businesses in town. Sue asked if we could use volunteer students who need community service hours to help at the book sale. Marilynne said no (that this doesn't usually work out very well). Marilynne reminded us of the book sale workers' duties; such as staying with the cash box at all times and filling empty spaces in boxes as they occur.
- **Christmas Gifts for FOL Helpers:** There was some discussion about gifts for the men who help put all the books out for the book sales, for the Irrigator, city people who put up the banners and for local librarians. There was no decision made on this as yet.

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- **Trading Western Paperbacks:** On the last day of the book sale, the person who has three bags of Western Books to trade may pick out 3 bags of other books in exchange.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Mission Statement on Membership Sheet:** Marilynne asked what we thought of the idea of putting the FOL mission statement on the membership forms that we give out. There was some discussion and Judy said that she will see if there is room on the membership forms to include the mission statement.
- **County Library Website on Meeting Minutes:** Sue suggested that it would be helpful to members of the FOL to include the Stanislaus County Library website at the bottom of the minutes. Judy said she would see what she can do about that.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:55 PM to sort books. The next meeting will be November 10 at Marilynne's house at which time we will have election of officers for next year.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mullins, Secretary