

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY MINUTES

January 12, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President, Melinda Sword, at 1:05 PM in the library conference room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Adams, Chris Bingham, Pat Burch, Trudy De Groot, Sue Henderson, Peter La Torre, Wanda Loham, Grace McCord, Judy Mullins, Wayne Philbrook, Carol Schuler, Melinda Sword, and two new members – Desiree Cotter and Susan Guest

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

INTRODUCTIONS: We welcomed two new members today: Desiree Cotter and Susan Guest. Susan is a former children's librarian in Turlock but is now retired.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 10, 2014 meeting were read. Peter made a motion to accept the minutes as read; motion seconded by Sue and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treas., Sue Henderson, reported that the balance as of November 10, 2014 was \$3,137.86. After expenses and deposits, the balance as of December 31, 2014 is \$3,195.57. This does not include the cash box of \$80 and the CD of \$2,311.46. The balance of the Marilynne Memorial Fund is \$1,645.62. Sue gave a summary for the year 2014. Our expenses were \$5,412.48 and deposits were \$6,407.70. The memorial book carousel continues to do well, as it accounted for 21% of our deposits for 2014. The Save Mart SHARES card is also doing well. Peter made a motion to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented; seconded by Chris and passed.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Wayne had an announcement about a new program the library is starting called, "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten. This is an early literacy program to get children interested in books and get them thinking that books are fun. The books that the child reads count and also books that the parents read to the child count. After every 100 books read, the child gets a sticker and his/her

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT (continued):

name on the board and after 500 books, they get a book bag. After 1,000 books, they will get a big prize of some kind. The details of the program are still being worked out.

Other library programs include the spring In & Out Burger Reading Program, The Day of the Child in April and the Summer Reading Program. There is also a bilingual story time, craft projects and a juicing program is planned. Wayne has been conducting computer apps training sessions. One of the training sessions is how to download E-books from the library. There will also be one on downloading audio books and E-magazines. These training sessions are free of charge.

Each year the library usually has at least two programs with performers (musicians, magicians, etc.). This year the Stanislaus Co. Attorney said the libraries have not been following the contracts as written. He said the contract states that the performers need business licenses from the various cities. About half of the cities have waived the requirement for a business license. So far, Patterson has not. Wayne went to the City and inquired about this and had no response. He also wrote a letter to the city manager in November and still has had no response to date. So, he asked if there was some way the Friends of the Library could help with this. Grace said she would take a copy of Wayne's letter and give it to her husband, Dennis, who was newly elected to the City Council, to take to the City Council Meeting, which is tomorrow night (January 11, 2015). Peter said he would go to the council meeting and there were a few others who said they would go also in support of the library.

Wayne said the library has received some complaints about our book sale schedule. He said in our advertisements we need to make it clear that the Tuesday night sale is for Friends of the Library members only. He said people had complained that they came to the book sale and were turned away because they weren't members. (Of course, they could become members that night, if they wanted.)

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD REPORT: Sue attended the Library Advisory Board Meeting and she invited the county librarian, Diane McDonnell, to our meeting today but she was unable to attend. Sue will call or email her and invite her to attend next month. Sue was concerned because she said that Diane wants to take part of the conference room for a computer room. Wayne said he thought it was the room next door to the conference room.

Carol Schuler inquired if she is still on the Advisory Board and if so, if we still want her to be on this board, because she has been unable to attend for a while. We definitely want her to still be on the board. Sue informed her of the meeting dates and times.

BOOK SALE REPORT: Trudy said she had nothing to report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Publicity –Donna was going to prepare the list of achievements for the year but because of health issues, she was unable to do so. Kay Swift prepared them.

NEW BUSINESS: Melinda read a letter from Diane McDonnell thanking us for the \$1,000 donation for new books for the library.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 PM. The next meeting will be February 9 at 1:00 PM in the library conference room.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Mullins, Secretary