

Friends of the Patterson Library Minutes
March, 2007

Call to order:

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

Members present:

Marilynne Allen, Pat Burch, Margaret Castro, Trudy deGroot, Sue Henderson, Elly Lanfranki, Judy Mullins, Faith Osteen, Eleanor Rea, Carol Schuler, Phyllis Stephens and Kay Swift.

Minutes:

The minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer's report:

Treas., Sue Henderson, reported a beginning balance of \$1,622.45. After expenses for various items and memberships, donations and book sale receipts, there is a balance of \$2,201.29. she said she has only received one response from the membership drive ad in the Irrigator. She did, however, receive two lifetime memberships, Dave & Chris Santos and Dr. and Mrs. LaTorre.

Sue said that although Judy Mullins got a new Employee identification Number (EIN) from the IRS, she is going to wait until after our book sale to set up a separate account at the bank for the library marquee. Maybe we will make enough at the book sale, along with money we already have in the treasury, to buy the marquee.

She said our new book sale sign/banner is ready to pick up in Modesto. The cost of the new replacement sign is \$209. There was discussion about getting another sign to put between the palm trees on Las Palmas like the city puts up for various events in town. We need to check with the city first to see if we can have two signs (the one at the library and the one between the palm trees). Carol Schuler made a motion that we purchase a second sign for approximately \$300. Eleanor Rea seconded the motion and it passed. This is contingent on Sandy McDowell checking with the city to see if we can put up a second sign.

Marilynne said that she thought our book sale sign that we put on the library building would be more visible if it were placed on the wood area above the walkway into the library rather than where we've been hanging it because it is blocked by trees there. Everyone agreed. Marilynne will also have Sandy check with the city about moving this sign.

Correspondence:

Margaret Castro sent thank you letters to the Lions, Rotary and Soroptismist Clubs for their donations to the FOL for the tables we purchased.

Phyllis Stephens read a personal note which she had written to send to Vanessa to express her appreciation for the job that Sandy and Dari are doing in the library. Everyone agreed that it was a very nice gesture and a well written note. So, Phyllis said she would go ahead and mail it.

Librarian's report:

Now that Chris is gone Sandy and Dari are once again in charge of the library. They will be having substitutes help them.

Sandy Segoviano said that the library is going to have a Knit a Scarf program which is sponsored by the FOL. Samatha Taylor from the local yarn shop will be giving the class for ages 13 and above on March 24th from 1:00 - 3:00 PM. Everyone voted to pay for the Knit a Scarf program which will be approximately \$125. Sandy said that because of being short handed, the library will have only one craft program per month which she and Dari will be alternating.

Sandy also said that the library offers computer classes in both English and Spanish. She said that there is a great need for the class in Spanish and they have a new Spanish computer teacher. These teachers are volunteers.

The library has also started a Food For Thought Program which is sponsored by In & Out Burger. If students read 5 books, they will get a coupon for a free hamburger at In and Out. They can participate in this program three times for a total of 15 books read.

Old business:

Book Sale Signs - Trudy deGroot brought the signs she made for the different categories for the book sale. She did a good job on them and had a lot of different subject/category cards.

New business:

Marilynne handed out an Active Members and Assignments list for 2007. Trudy deGroot's name was inadvertently omitted. Her name was added to the list along with her assignment as Art Director.

Sign up sheets for placing book sale flyers around town were passed around as were also sign up sheets for time slots to work at the book sale for each day.

A second book sale sign/banner was discussed during the Treasurer's report.

Book Basket for PRIDE dinner has been delivered.

Judy Mullins said she sent the information about our April book sale to Gordon Barbosa for him to put on the Community Calendar on the Chamber of Commerce website, which he has done.

Adjournment:

The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for April 9, 2007.