

Friends of the Patterson Library Minutes

April 14, 2025

Call to Order: The meeting was called to order by President Marcie Homer in the library conference room at 1:04 pm.

Members Present: Trudy DeGroot, Kathleen Frederick, Gay Girard, Susan Guest, Barbara Hartsell, Sue Hendersen, Donald Hess, Marcie Homer, Judy Mullins, Burt Smith and, librarian, Susan Sawyer

Pledge of Allegiance: Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions: No new introductions

Minutes: The minutes of the March 10, 2025 meeting were read by Susan Guest and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Sue Hendersen reported that our total balance as of April 14, 2025 was \$8,329.40 plus \$80.00 for the book sale cash box. The only expense for last month was a \$.50 bank merchant service fee. Deposits included: \$11.41 in merchant service deposits, \$50.00 for memberships, and \$77.87 from the carousel.

Vice President's Report: Gay Girard announced that book sale bookmarks and brochures have been printed and are ready for distribution. Our banners are up. She plans on canvassing new housing tracts, handing out bookmarks and library information. Twenty-five 8 ½ by 11 flyers will be ready for circulation soon. Gay polled the members about participation in Love Patterson Day on April 26. Members felt the event was too soon after the book sale. Susan Guest moved that we not participate in Love Patterson this year. Marcie Homer seconded. The motion was passed.

Librarian's Report: Susan Sawyer reported that the Patterson Library continues to stay busy with extra patrons due to Newman Library closure. Walkin traffic and program attendance have both increased. Newman Library should reopen sometime towards the end of May. Library staff are very busy gearing up for Dia de Los Ninos on April 16. Several community organizations plan to set up

information tables during the event, including: Invest in Me, Stanislaus office of Emergency Services, Patterson Resource Center, Girl Scouts and Patterson ACTS. There will be a bilingual storytime, performance by the Patterson High School Folklorico Dancers, a book giveaway, refreshments and a visit from the Love Patterson mascot. The library parking lot will be blocked off since much of the action will take place outdoors. Susan encouraged Friends members to attend the Board of Supervisors meeting on April 15 at 6:30 pm at 1010 10th Street in Modesto (in the basement). The supervisors will be honoring the library for National Library Week. Susan introduced an item on the Patterson Library wish list – a button maker. In the past the library has been doing two button making activities a year. The button making programs are wildly popular with all ages. Susan said the button maker is not an essential purchase but would be great to have. Currently Susan borrows one of the library's button makers. However, they are not always available for the time needed. Susan would like the button maker and starter set from Dr. Don's Print Lab at buttonsonline.com. She handed out pictures of the button maker she would like for the library. After some discussion, it was decided that the Friends would buy the library a 1.75 inch button maker with starter set, which includes materials for 1,000 buttons. The cost would be \$530.00 plus tax. Sue Henderson made a motion on the purchase. Gay Girard seconded. Motion was passed. Susan said she would delay actually asking the Friends for the purchase money until after the craziness of Dia was over.

President's Report: Marcie Homer reported that the QR code for credit card purchases from the Friends is now on both the Evalon terminal and Facebook. The QR code is also on our updated Friends of the Patterson Library membership application. Patrons may use the code on the paper application to pay for memberships, but the QR code on Facebook and the terminal is for donation only. There was a lengthy discussion among members as to how we write down credit donations when taking payments during the book sale. For now we will consult Marcie's handy cheat sheet for the 3% bank charge amount, add this to the item charge, and note credit on the tally sheet. We also have a separate jar for donations. Since we have never had credit payments in the past, we will probably be making refinements as we use the credit system. Marcie would like to have a separate table for special items and charge more for those items. She showed us a beautiful book about the U.S. Marines as an example. Katherine Frederick made a motion that we set up a separate table at the book

sale to hold items of special value, and that we charge higher prices for these items. The motion was seconded and passed. Marcie reported that she sent a press release to the Patterson Irrigator about our book sale. Hopefully, it will be printed next week.

Old Business: Barbara Hartsell wished that the Friends of the Library would rethink their earlier decision to forgo donating \$1,000 to PRIDE this year. However, the members felt that supporting Patterson Library's needs should come first for now. Susan Sawyer explained that Stanislaus County Library would not even be thinking of improvements for Patterson until after the end of the fiscal year, June 30, 2025. Decisions about library improvements and estimates will take time after that. However, we are at the front of the list for improvements.

Adjournment; The meeting was adjourned at 2:25 pm. The next meeting will be on Monday, May 12 at 1:00 pm.