

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY MINUTES February 12, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President, Susan Guest, in the library conference room at 1:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trudy deGroot, Kathleen Frederick, Gay Girard, Susan Guest, Barbara Hartsell, Donald Hess, Marci Homer, Judy Mullins, Yvonne Reynolds, Susan Sawyer, Carol Schuler, Burt Smith and guest, Johnny Padilla

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES: The minutes of the January 9, 2024 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: There was no treasurer's report as Treasurer, Sue Henderson, was on a cruise. However, Susan Guest said she, Sue Henderson and Marci Homer met at BMO and signed signature cards for the Friends account. Also Sue Henderson signed up for online banking.

BOOK SALE REPORT: Trudy asked about buying 2 more tables to have for the book sales because sometimes the library needs tables for an activity at the same time. Susan Sawyer said it would be a good idea to buy 2 more of the white, light weight tables. There was discussion regarding

BOOK SALE REPORT(continued): the white tables vs the brown ones. Gay Girard made a motion to purchase 4 new white tables. Motion was seconded by Trudy and passed. Johnny Padilla said the school district office could help us by making flyers for the book sale. There was discussion about the flyers and book marks as to whether to say used or gently used books on the flyers. Yvonne had a good idea to bring more kids to the book sale. We could have book marks for them to color. They could color a book mark, bring it to the book sale and get a book free. Susan Guest said she advertised our book sale on Book Finder. Our next book sale is April 23, 24 & 25 with set up April 22.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Susan Sawyer said the library started the Wiggle Worms story time again on Mondays. The first one only had 9 in attendance but last Monday there were 30. So, attendance is picking up after the holidays.

Susan said she is starting to get requests for school and class visits. She has a request from Newman for next month to talk to the children about book careers. She also mentioned that once again the library is an election site for both the primary and general elections. Therefore, the community room will not be available for one week each election period.

Someone purchased a book for \$30 to donate to Patterson High School.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: IT and management has given their approval for the Switch package which, as of last month, the total cost from Amazon is \$694.66 plus tax. So, Susan is requesting \$700 to purchase the Switch package.

She also requested \$500 for general crafts and activities and an additional \$150 for DIA (Day of the Child) related expenses. The total request at this time is \$1,350.00. Gay made a motion to give the library the requested \$1,350; Yvonne seconded and motion passed. Sue Henderson, treasurer, will be back next week to provide the check.

UNITED PATTERSON MEETING: Susan Guest said she, Gay, Amparo & Barbara went to the meeting at the School District. On Saturday, March 8, there will be a book fair in the park for Read Across America Day. They will have snacks and crafts along with a free books giveaway for youth in Patterson, Grayson and Westley. Then on April 20th is the Love Patterson day. Susan Guest said she thought it would be a good idea for the "Friends" to have a table to promote our book sales. We could have membership sign-up sheets and maybe some book marks to sell. She said it was interesting at the meeting to hear about all the various community groups.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD: Gay said the meeting focused mostly on the Modesto Library.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Susan said she paid for our liability insurance for a total of \$315.00 for one year – February 13, 2024 to February 13, 2025.

OLD BUSINESS: By-Laws – Postponed till next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

Johnny Padilla said the next United Patterson Meeting will be March 7 at 3:45 PM at the School District Office. Also there will be a special School Board Meeting this evening at 6:00 PM with an update on the employees. He said some of the activities the school district has had include Nortmead students have decorated Starbucks sleeves with words of kindness. Also the district has been highlighting staff who have been doing incredible work. The attendance staff do a wellness check every month.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 pm to sort books.

Our next meeting will be March 11, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mullins, Secretary