

Friends of the Patterson Library Minutes February 10, 2025

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

Members Present: Judy Mullins, Sue Henderson, Trudy DeGroot, Donald Hess, Susan Sawyer, Gay Girard, Barbara Hartsell, Marcie Homer, Kathleen Frederick, Susan Guest and Sue Ramos

Pledge of Allegiance: Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Introductions: Sue Ramos was introduced.

Minutes: The minutes of the January 13, 2025 meeting were read by Judy Mullins. Sue Hendersen pointed out that the dates of the 2025 book sales needed to be corrected. The dates are as follows: April 22, 23 and 24, 2025 from 10:00 to 5:00; set up day, April 21 at 1:00 p.m., and October 21, 22 and 23, 2025 from 10:00 to 5:00; set up day, October 20 at 1:00 p.m. After sale clean up will take place on the Saturday after the sale. The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer, Sue Henderson reported that as of February 10, 2025, our balance was \$8,448.05 with \$80,00 for the carousel cash box. Last month we took in \$435.00 in membership dues and \$24.32 from the carousel. Payments out included \$47.47 to print achievements and \$315.00 for insurance. Barbara Hartsell was concerned that we are not contributing to the PRIDE scholarship this year in order to put money aside for a meeting room renovation. Susan Sawyer stated that any renovation the Friends pay for needs to be small enough not to include a bathroom renovation which would cost much more than the Friends could afford. She also said that the county has several libraries with more urgent needs than Patterson's. We are on the county's list for improvements, but nothing will happen before the next fiscal year. A wait and see approach was decided upon by the group.

Vice President's Report: Gay Girard presented information on purchasing and setting up a credit card ATM system. An ATM system would enable our library patrons to donate money, pay for memberships, or buy book sale items with their credit cards. The system would be set up through the BMO Bank and would cost the Friends very little. There would be a 3% fee to the user of the credit card. The bank would benefit from this fee. The plan is to have a \$5.00 minimum purchase for a credit card transaction, for

example: $.03 \times \$5.00 = 15$ cents. Marcie is working up a chart so we will not need to do any calculations in our heads. Sue Hendersen reported that her personal dealings with BMO were difficult. She felt they were not trustworthy. Gay replied that we could cancel at any time. Gay emphasized that she and Marcie Homer had investigated ATM options thoroughly. This system would be convenient for our customers and a step into the future. Donald Hess made a motion to acquire the ATM system. Kathleen Frederick seconded. The ATM System from BMO Bank was approved. Gay volunteered to hold a training meeting on the new system sometime around the third week in March.

Librarian's Report: Susan Sawyer announced that she has submitted a request for four sets of shelves for the Friends of the Library storage rooms. It will be at least May before we will find out if the request is approved. If approved, the Friends will be able to purchase at least two shelving units by August. Newman Library is still closed for renovation and will be until May. As a result, the Patterson Library's foot traffic and the number of people taking part in programs has increased. Weekly activities for children on Wednesday afternoons have been well attended. Eighteen to nineteen people have shown up for Switch Day which is now a family program. Susan would like to add a game or two to the library's collection and is currently asking her "hip, younger" staff for suggestions. April 16th will be the library's Dia de los Ninos celebration. Different organizations will have tables out front. So far the Girl Scouts, Invest in Me, and the Stanislaus Office of Emergency Services have confirmed. A bilingual storytime, crafts, a performance by the PHS Folklorico Dancers, refreshments and a book giveaway are also planned. Susan has scheduled the Dia celebration on the week before our book sale so that our Friends group will be able to advertise the sale if we choose. In anticipation of the need for Dia refreshments, a new game for the Switch system, and refilling the library's craft supplies, Susan asked for \$500.00. Gay Girard made a motion to approve \$500.00 from the Friends, for the library's future activities. Trudy DeGroot seconded and the motion was passed.

President's Report: Marcie Homer asked for approval of the rewritten by-laws, and guidelines, and procedures of the Friends of the Patterson Library. Donald Hess pointed out that we no longer have a book sale committee chairperson as stated in the procedures. Susan Guest thought that the activities attributed to the chairperson could serve as a checklist of tasks needed to be completed for the book sale. Kathleen Frederick made a motion to approve the by-laws, minus the book sale chairperson section. Trudy DeGroot seconded, and the motion was passed.

Old Business: Gay Girard asked if the group would like to change the advertising graphics for the next book sale. All agreed to keep the graphics the same. Gay promised she would have a book sale sign-up sheet and a list of tasks for the next

meeting. Donald Hess asked whether we had a new list of businesses for advertising purposes. Members thought visiting larger franchised businesses was not as effective as visiting smaller businesses. Kathleen mentioned churches as good places to advertise.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 p.m. in order to sort books. Our next meeting will be on March 10, 2025 at 1:00 pm.