

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY

MINUTES January 13, 2025

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Kathleen Frederick, Gay Girard, Sue Henderson, Donald Hess, Marci Homer, Judy Mullins, and Susan Sawyer

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

INTRODUCTIONS: There were no new introductions.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 18, 2024 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Sue Henderson, reported that the balance as of 11-18-24 was \$8,292.85 and after expenses and deposits, the balance as of today, 1-13-25 is \$8,036.20 plus \$80 in the cash box. Gay asked about what the average income is for the carousel. Sue said she didn't really have an average per month. The last 3 deposits have been \$127.45, \$141.01 and today \$58.35; so it varies.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Gay Girard gave a recap of the Friends of the Library's participation in community events for 2024 and what to look forward to in 2025 along with ideas to increase our funds.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT (continued): Book Sale: Our number one fundraiser is two book sales during the year. For 2025 the book sales will be April 22, 23 & 24 and for October 23, 24 & 25.

Love Patterson: A community event on April 26 which consists of various projects throughout the city.

Back to School Event: A community event tentatively scheduled for August 2nd, in which various groups and organizations along with the School District gives out school supplies to all students and parents who attend. We also partner with the community and school district in attending their quarterly meetings. Anyone interested may attend these meetings. Susan Sawyer said she will check with the County Library to see if they plan to participate in the Back to School event.

Cocoa Run: This is a community event held the first Saturday in December to start off the City Christmas celebrations. This past year, some of the Friends members participated in this event.

Holiday Sale: Gay proposed an additional event – a Holiday Sale. There was discussion about the Friends possibly having some kind of holiday sale around November 15 as another fundraising project. We could maybe sell ornaments, or handmade items, etc. Sue Henderson made a motion to expand the October book sale into the room next door to sell other items; Gay Girard seconded and motion passed. Susan Sawyer said

she will check with the county about us having this at the library. We can discuss this more later in the year.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Susan Sawyer said that she had said that we may be getting some more book shelves from the Empire Library but that hasn't happened yet because their branch supervisor went on medical leave before their shelves were ordered so we won't be able to get their old ones yet. Susan said her boss suggested that she ask for them in her next budget request. However, we would not be able to get them till August. There was discussion as to whether we want to wait till August or the Friends buy them. Amazon has shelves 48x24x72 for \$119.85 each. The current size we have are 40x17.7x72. Nothing definite was decided.

Susan said the Newman Library is closed for renovation until May which has increased the foot traffic and program attendance for the Patterson Library.

She said the Patterson Library has started an official partnership with a local group called Invest In Me, which is a non-profit organization focused on self empowerment, leadership and civic involvement especially for young people. They will have one activity a month which the library will co-sponsor. She said they will help with DIA in April.

The UCCE Master Gardeners approached the library at the end of last year about doing some additional activities in Patterson since the Modesto Library is closed. They are planning four classes aimed at children. The Master

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT(continued): Gardeners will give a lesson and the library will have a craft or activity to go along with the lesson. In March an entomologist is coming with his insect collection and the library will provide supplies for the children to make a model of an insect that lights up with a battery. The library is arranging for summer performers. Susan had no request for money at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Márcia Homer reported that Trudy DeGroot is no longer going to be the Book Sale Chairperson because of health issues. There was discussion as to whether a new book sale chairperson is needed or if we can all just pitch in and do the various tasks needed for the book sales. It was decided to try this approach and see how it works

Márcia proposed that we defer money for the 2025 PRIDE Scholarship and use it for renovation of the library conference room. Susan Sawyer said she will check with her boss again about the renovation and whether the bathroom is ADA compliant. Motion was made; seconded by Kathleen Frederick and motion passed.

NEW BUSINESS: The dates for the 2025 book sales are as follows: April - Setup Monday, April 21 at 1:00 PM
Sales – Tues., Wed., Thurs. 21, 22 & 23.

October - Setup Monday, Oct. 20 at 1:00 PM
Sales – Tues., Wed., Thurs. 21, 22, 23.

Shifts to work are: 8:30 AM to 1:30 PM and
1:30 PM to 5:00 PM

OLD BUSINESS: It was decided once again to defer the approval of the Constitution, Bylaws and Guidelines and Procedures till next month's meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:15 PM to sort books. Our next meeting will be February 10, 2025 at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mullins, Secretary