

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY MINUTES
January 14, 2008

CALL TO ORDER:

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Marilynne Allen, Chris Bingham, Pat Burch, Margaret Castro, Trudy de Groot, Sue Henderson, Judy Mullins, Faith Osteen, Carol Schuler, Kay Swift and Librarian, Kelly Thompson

MINUTES: The minutes were read and Sue Henderson had a correction regarding the magazine subscriptions. The costs for the magazine renewals were reversed. The cost for *Crafts & Things* is \$36.97 and for *National Geographic for Kids* is \$30.00. Corrections were made and the minutes were then approved as corrected.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Kelly said she had a call from the Turlock Library branch manager saying that the Newman Library is trying to start a Friends of the Library group and thought it would be a good idea if some members of other groups attend to help them get started. Carol and Marilynne volunteered to go to the meeting Jan. 30th at 2:00 PM in the Newman Library.

Kelly said that January is Library Card Month when they like to get new people to apply for library cards. They have 2008 wall calendars to give to the new card holders.

There is a new page working in the library, Edna Cabonce. She has been working in Modesto but lives in Patterson; so she is grateful to get the job here.

Kelly thanked the FOL for the donation of new story-time books. She brought some of the books for us to see.

The Salida FOL is having their book sale March 14 & 15 and would gladly take any donation of books that we would like to get rid of. Turlock FOL is having their book sale this month.

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LIBRARIAN'S REPORT (continued):

Kelly said the theme for this summer's reading program is BUGS and she has requests for money to buy things for this program and other library needs. She said she has \$86.75 left over from last year's craft projects and asked our permission to use that money for this year's needs. (Permission was given.) She would like to buy some ant stickers to go along with this year's theme. She also requested money for a clock for the office, a new FAX machine and some new bookends with magnetic bases (25 standard and 25 oversize). She would also like to get about 15 fiction spinner racks for small displays, 7 packages of bookmarks, some hats for prizes for Dr. Seuss month which is coming up soon, bug window clings and replacement books for both adults and children. The total for all her requests came to \$985.00. Sue made a motion that we give Kelly a check for \$1,000.00 to cover all the library expenses she has requested. Chris seconded the motion and it passed.

Marilynne told Kelly about a Great Courses catalog called *A Brief History of the World* she had received. The catalog has CDs of renowned professors giving lectures on various topics such as history, music, art, philosophy, etc. Marilynne said she would like to see these CDs available in the library. The CDs range in cost from \$69.00 up. Kelly said she would pass the information/request along to the county library.

BOY SCOUT PROJECT: Ron Swift presented a boy scout project to see if we would be interested in helping with. He said there is a boy who belongs to the local troop who is working on his eagle rank. One requirement for an eagle rank is a community service project. For his project, he would like to collect children's books and start a reading program where he and other scouts read to the children and then give them books to keep. So, he was wondering if we might be able to give him some books from the donations we receive. He's also going to call people to see if they have books to donate which he will pick up. He would keep the children's books and give us any adult books he gets.

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BOY SCOUT PROJECT (continued):

After discussion, it was decided that we could give him any leftover children's books after our book sales. We could see if we might think of any ideas to help him. Ron said it is an extensive project and that the boy will have to get approvals, etc. from the Scouts; so he probably won't be ready to start it till the summer.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treas., Sue Henderson, reported that the balance as of October 29, 2007 was \$2,684.93. After expenses and total deposits, there is a balance today, Jan. 14, 2008, of \$2,419.98 plus \$80.00 in the cash box and the \$2,000 CD for the marquee. Today she will be writing the \$1,000.00 check to Kelly and \$36.97 for the *Crafts & Things* magazine subscription, which will leave us a balance of approximately \$1,390. This month she will be receiving more money in membership dues.

CORRESPONDENCE: Marilynne received a letter from the California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners, CALTAC, a library advocate's group, regarding a library leadership workshop which will be held in San Mateo on March 1st at the San Mateo Public Library. No one seemed interested in attending.

OLD BUSINESS:

- **Adopt A Soldier Program:** Sandy McDowell wasn't at today's meeting to give us an update on this program.
- **FOL 2007 Achievements:** In our last meeting, it was suggested that a list of our 2007 achievements be sent to the lifetime members along with a thank you letter. Also, the list should be sent to active members.

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OLD BUSINESS (continued):

- **Categories for Book Sorting:** Faith suggested that it would be helpful to go back to sorting books by categories. She said several people who attended the October book sale asked where certain categories could be found. Along this line, Sue suggested that we get rid of “weirdo” books that we think no one would be interested in.

NEW BUSINESS:

- **Membership Dues:** Sue is sending out membership letters for the new year and is accepting January dues from members of the FOL today. Marilynne said we might have a new list from another group to use for sending out membership letters. She can't reveal her source at this time.
- **New FOL Logo Stationery & Envelopes:** After the last meeting, Margaret brought Judy some of the FOL correspondence logo sheets she had at home for Judy to scan in the computer. While doing that, Judy experimented with other logos and brought some samples (black & white and color) to the meeting along with the previous logo that had been scanned. Marilynne passed them around and had a vote for the favorite one. The one chosen is in color of a book, a world globe and two stick figure children. Judy is going to make some new logo stationery with envelopes to match to use for the lifetime member letters and also other correspondence as needed.
- **Salida Library:** As already mentioned by Kelly, the Salida Library will be glad to take any books that we don't want for their book sale.
- **Guardian of the Vacuum Cleaner:** Marilynne said that Dixie had been in charge of the vacuum cleaner but she moved away and Marilynne was wondering about getting some new bags for the vacuum. Someone said that the vacuum cleaner has a cloth bag which can be emptied and when it gets dirty, can be washed eliminating the need to buy new bags.

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NEW Business (continued):

- **Library Hanging Garden:** Marilynne said that the plants in the hanging garden were starting to look wilted and was wondering if we should get artificial plants such as ivy or ferns to go there instead of the real plants. After discussion and viewing the garden, Kay, Carol and Marilynne volunteered to take care of the live plants.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:20 PM. Next meeting is scheduled for February 11, 2008 at the library.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mullins, Secretary

NOTE: Since the meeting lasted longer today, it was decided to postpone the book sorting until January 25 at 1:00 PM.