

**FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY MINUTES**  
**November 9, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Pres., Marilynne Allen, at 1:45 PM in her home.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diane Adams, Marilynne Allen, Chris Bingham, Pat Burch, Margaret Castro, Trudy deGroot, Sue Henderson, Maddy Houk, Peter LaTorre, Maggie Lewis, Ronna Lubker, Grace McCord, Sandy McDowell, Rita Moore, Donna Miller, Judy Mullins, Faith Osteen, Carol Schuler, Kay Swift, Ron Swift, Melinda Sword, and librarian, Kelly Thompson; also guests, Vanessa Czopek (Stanislaus County Librarian and Khoji Darbani).

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:** Kelly, Patterson Librarian, reported that she had a great turnout for the library booth at the Family Fall Festival on Halloween Day. She handed out flyers about the teen and children's programs and said that about 200 craft spiders were made by children that day. She gave an update on the money that we gave her last time, saying that the majority of it has been spent and the books have been coming in. Larry from the Modesto Library saved us about \$150 on the book cart by getting it with no shipping charges. So that \$150 will be used for various supplies as needed. She had no requests for money this month.

**MINUTES:** The minutes of the October meeting were read individually and approved.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treas., Sue Henderson, reported that the balance as of October 12, 2009 was \$2,962.62. After expenses and deposits (including the fall book sale), the balance as of today, November 9, 2009, is \$3,600.85. This does not include the cash box of \$80 and CD of \$2,128.49.

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**TREASURER'S REPORT (continued):**

**Sue also gave a summary for the fall book sale and a yearly summary of all expenses and income. She mentioned that dues for next year will be \$10 again and she will accept them anytime.**

**PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Marilynne introduced Donna Miller as our new FOL President for next year. Marilynne said that Rita Moore will be sending everyone e-mail reminders about the meetings, or calling ones who don't have a computer. She said our spring book sale dates need to be changed from April to either March or May because of a couple of conflicts. After some discussion, it was decided that our spring book sale will be the last week in March (24, 26 & 29). Marilynne also reminded everyone that our meeting minutes (as well as other Friends groups' minutes) are posted on the Stanislaus County Library web site in case someone misses a meeting.**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- **Patio Garden:** There was some discussion about what to do about the garden as we've already spent a lot of money on it. It was suggested that we talk to Alice at True Value hardware to get some ideas. Donna suggested maybe some rocks and succulents, etc. Along this same subject, are the hanging baskets. They were taken out as the water dripping from them were causing a hazard which could cause someone to slip. Marilynne wanted to know if anyone wanted them for a donation to FOL. Vanessa

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### **OLD BUSINESS (continued):**

**suggested filling them with seed packets and gardening books and sell them at the spring book sale.**

- **Achievements for 2009:** Kay Swift handed out a draft copy of the FOL 2009 Achievements and asked if anyone had any questions, additions, changes, etc. She took a few notes and will do a final copy of the achievements.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- **New Tables for Book Sales:** Marilynne said that we need to buy 4 more tables like the ones we currently have to use for our book sales because sometimes the library may borrow a few of the tables for crafts, etc. at the same time the book sales are going on. Chris made a motion to buy 4 new tables, Sandy seconded it and the motion passed.
- **FOLUSA Insurance:** There was discussion about whether to continue our liability insurance with FOLUSA for next year. Carol made a motion to continue the insurance, Pat seconded it and the motion passed.
- **Cabinetry in Book Sales Room:** Marilynne mentioned that the two cabinets with no doors are unsightly and would like to get doors put on them. There was discussion and Pete said he would talk to the “cabinet man” in town and that he may even volunteer to put them on for free if we

**buy the materials. Pete will talk with him and report his findings at our January meeting.**

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**NEW BUSINESS (continued):**

**Vanessa Czopek thanked our Friends group and handed out copies of the Patterson Branch Profile for 2008/2009. She also urged us to attend a Friends of the Libraries Conference to be held at the Modesto Library on Saturday, March 13, 2010 from 9:00-11:00 AM. She said the County Council will be giving out info regarding the percentage of donations we are allowed to give to the 1/8 cent sales tax renewal campaign of June 2012. She said that we should have a budget in place to donate to this campaign over a 3-year period. After the first of the year, she will attend a Patterson City Council meeting to talk to the members about the needs of the libraries and the need to pass the sales tax renewal. Anyone who wants to attend this meeting may do so.**

**Vanessa said the County Library has a new debit card policy that allows borrowers to pay for fines, lost materials, etc. with a debit card.**

**Rita showed us clips she and her husband (they were his idea) are donating to hold the category signs on the boxes of books at our book sales.**

**Donna presented Marilynne with a Certificate of Leadership for her ten years of service as president of the Patterson Friends of the Library. She was also given thank you cards and a gift certificate to the Gallo Center for Performing Arts from the FOL members.**

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**The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM. The next meeting will be January 11, 2010 at 1:30 PM in the library building.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Judy Mullins, Secretary**