

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY MINUTES April 8, 2024

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trudy deGroot, Gay Girard, Barbara Hartsell, Sue Henderson, Donald Hess, Marci Homer, Judy Mullins, Amparo Navarro, Yvonne Reynolds, Susan Sawyer, Carol Schuler and guest, Yolanda Magana

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 11, 2024 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Sue Henderson, reported that the balance as of March 11, 2024 was \$8,275.61 and after expenses and deposits, the balance today, April 8, 2024, is \$6,398.81 plus \$80 in the cash box.

BOOK SALE REPORT: Trudy deGroot brought the work sign-up sheets for our book sale this month. Susan Sawyer showed the flyers, new posters and signs that the library had made. She is going to throw away the old signs except Donald Hess thought we should keep one of the old black and white signs to put on the back of a car parked in front of the library. Barbara Hartsell said that the Grocery Outlet won't let us put up a sign there larger than a yard sale sign.

BOOK SALE REPORT(continued): Sue Henderson asked Susan Sawyer if the electronic sign on the library could advertise the book sale the whole week of the sale. Susan said she would do that. There was discussion about ways to advertise the book sale in addition to the flyers and book marks. Some ideas were: article in the Patterson Irrigator, the city recreation calendar, flyers in city hall, the city website, library Facebook page, the Stanislaus Library website, etc.

LOVE PATTERSON: Gay said for the “Friends” table, she has table covers, pens, pencils, erasers, bracelets, etc. to hand out. She said our table will also be helping with a poster making contest. Love Patterson event is April 20 with setup at 7:30 for anyone who wants to help.

LIBRARIAN’S REPORT: Susan Sawyer said their Eclipse Watch event was a huge success. Over 100 people attended the event in partnership with the Modesto Children’s Museum. They gave out over 400 free glasses. They also had coloring pages, experiments & snacks for the children.

Susan said that for DIA de los Ninos Wednesday, April 17, the library is planning crafts, bilingual story time, the Patterson High Folklorico Dancers, free book giveaway and refreshments. They will be using both community rooms and the front covered patio area. She said last year about 100 people attended.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT(continued): Susan said they have purchased the Switch Package and have it set up but are still in the process of deciding the best time to do these activities—maybe for both teens & adults.

In May Wiggle Worms and Bilingual Story Time will start again after being on break for a while and Python Ron will be here September 18th doing two shows at 3:30 PM and 5:00 PM. Susan had no request for money at this time but will be asking for \$400 for the Python Ron show at a later time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Susan Guest was not at the meeting but she sent a report to Marci that she has sent a letter to P.R.I.D.E. detailing the amount of our scholarship and the names of our presenters for May 7th.

OLD BUSINESS: None.

NEW BUSINESS: Yolanda Magana had a lot of ideas and suggestions for activities for children and teens like scavenger hunts, rock painting, teen book club, etc. but Susan Sawyer said right now they don't have the funding or personnel for all of these activities.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm to sort books. A reminder that our book sale is this month, April 23, 24 & 25 with set up April 22 and take down April 29. Our next meeting will be May 13, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mullins, Secretary