President Joan House called the meeting to order at 5:10 PM. Those present: our librarian Heather Bailey, Linda Berck, Joan House, Bev Cornelius, Margaret Rodgers, Jean Henley-Hatfield, Shelley Tucker, Joan Russo, Cathee Vaughn, and Doris Tavernas.

SECRETARY’S REPORT: Linda Berck, Secretary, read the minutes of November 3, 2016. They were approved as corrected.

Treasurer’s Report: Vicki Fontana, our Treasurer, was not present, but, Joan House stated that we are getting a lot of money from the self-serve and also received a $100.00 donation from lifetime members, Linda and Robert Martelli. Margaret offered to reimburse everyone for the books purchased for the Hughson Community Project in honor of her late daughter, Mary Gonzales. Joan wrote a check to "The Hughson Chronicle" for our yearly subscription.

Librarian’s Report: Heather wanted to Thank all of the volunteers from Fox Grove Elementary for the Grinch costume and their help with the float for the Christmas Parade. She said that they all had a great time and she learned a lot about making a float. We reimbursed them for a generator so they could plug in lights and other necessities. While attending conferences this year, Heather told us that she gained a lot of knowledge. In particular, a "Book Walk" she wants to do for the "Fruit and Nut Festival". She said the cost would be about $150.00 to purchase about 3 books of a popular story and place pages at intervals around town at various businesses. As you walk around town you can read pages of the story. Also, this year she is going to have "Read by Design" as a theme for the Summer Reading Program, with the emphasis on science. During the holidays attendance is down, but, anticipates it to pick up in Spring.

OLD BUSINESS: Joan said we got a Thank you note from the Hughson Community Project for our donation of $100.00.

NEW BUSINESS: Margaret commented that the stamp used to promote Friends of the Library by putting our name on the books we donate is not adequate for a lot of Childrens books and suggested we use labels instead. Linda commented that is what we used to do, but, changed to the stamp for economical reasons. Shelley said that she will get some labels and print some. Our disappointment with the Egg Hunt last year was discussed, and we will decide next meeting as to if we will participate this year.

Respectfully submitted,
Linda Berck, Secretary

NEXT MEETING: March 2, 2017 at 5PM at the Library