

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY MINUTES

April 13, 2015

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by President, Melinda Sword, at 1:05 PM in the library conference room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Adams, Pat Burch, Desiree Cotter, Trudy De Groot, Susan Guest, Sue Henderson, Peter LaTorre, Grace McCord, Judy Mullins, Wayne Philbrook, Carol Schuler, Kay Swift, Melinda Sword and County Librarian, Diane McDonnell

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Members recited pledge.

INTRODUCTIONS: Melinda introduced Diane McDonnell, the county librarian, who is visiting us for the first time today.

MINUTES: The minutes of the March 9, 2015 meeting were read (out of order as the secretary was late). Peter made a motion to accept the minutes as read; seconded by Sue and passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treas., Sue Henderson, reported that the balance as of March 9, 2015 was \$4,588.57. After expenses and deposits, the balance as of 4/9/15 is \$4,326.23. This does not include the cash box of \$80 and the CD of \$2,311.46.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Wayne said that the theme of the summer reading program is Super Heroes. They will be having a Super Heroes Party on June 24th where the children can dress up like their favorite super hero, there will be a photo booth, etc. Wayne requested \$300 for the summer reading program for prizes----\$100 for teens and \$100 for adults and \$100 for Super Heroes Party. Peter made a motion to give Wayne the \$300; seconded by Trudy and passed.

Wayne reminded us that The Day of the Child is on April 25th and they will have bilingual story time, books to give away, refreshments and crafts, etc. He could use some help with supervising the crafts from 12:30 – 3:00 PM.

BOOK SALE REPORT: Trudy said we need to put stickers on the bags that Sue ordered and we need to sort books after the meeting to

get ready for the book sale, which starts tomorrow evening. She said the times for working at the book sale are covered.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: No report except to thank Peter for volunteering for the Dolly Parton Imagination Library Program. He's going to a meeting regarding this on Monday, April 20th to find out what is involved.

OLD BUSINESS: Wayne forgot to mention in his Library Report that he received a letter from the City of Patterson granting our request to no longer require a business license from the performers that come to the library for programs and there was no time limit stipulation on it. Peter brought this item to the attention of the City Manager who finally got this taken care of.

Sue read a thank-you note that Wayne & the library staff received from Cub Scout Pack 81 thanking them for giving the scouts a tour of the library.

She also read a thank-you note to Friends of the Library from Denise Perry thanking us for the \$25 holiday gift card to Walmart.

Sue also mentioned the Volunteer Appreciation Event which will be held April 18 at 2:00 PM at the Salida Library. She said she has more information if anyone is interested in attending.

STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Diane McDonnell said she had a real good experience with the City of Patterson regarding the loading zone in front of the Patterson Library.

She complimented Wayne on doing a good job of scheduling a wide variety of really good programs for the Patterson Library.

She said the County Library is updating their rules for behavior and they are going to be extending the no smoking rule to include library grounds and walkways around the library. When they get the wording updated, they will take it to the Board of Supervisors for approval and will distribute copies of the updated rules to all the branch libraries.

They are also updating the covered beverage rule for the library. It is no longer restricted to water. As long as a beverage has a cover on it (it can contain coffee, tea, sodas, etc. except for no alcohol), it can be brought into the library.

She said they are starting a new program this year called, Veterans Connect at the Library, which will be a veterans' resource center. It will consist of a table and chairs with two laptops. They will have Cal Vet Flyers, job information, help with resumes, etc. Also, they plan to have veteran volunteers manning the table a few hours a day to help the vets with benefit information, etc. There is a Veterans' Service Center in Modesto but a lot of people may not know where it is but do know where the library is and when they come into the library the Veterans' Connect Center at the library can give them information and tell them about the Veterans' Service Center which is only a few blocks away.

They also anticipate receiving a \$20,000 grant for a WIC Popup Library. WIC stands for Women, Infants & Children. They are going to be delivering library services to the WIC Office in Modesto. They will take story time and a mobile circulation of children's books which the children can check out and they will also be issuing library cards. A lot of these people may not have transportation so the library is hoping to bring early literacy programs to them and to encourage them to use the library services.

The library has a new position just approved. It will be called Youth Services Bilingual Outreach Librarian. This person will be taking library services out into the community throughout the county. He/she will be going to schools, community events such as farmers' markets, perhaps teen centers, etc. Desiree suggested that a good place for them to go also would be the Community Services Center in Modesto.

Diane mentioned that this week is National Library Week. She said she gave a 5 minute presentation at the Board of Supervisors Meeting last week which was very well received and the library received a Proclamation for National Library Week signed by all the board members. Wayne mentioned that the Patterson Library also received a Proclamation for National Library Week from the City of Patterson.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:45 PM to sort books. The next meeting will be May 11 at 1:00 PM in the library conference room.

**Respectfully submitted,
Judy Mullins, Secretary**