

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY MINUTES

May 11, 2015

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

MEMBERS PRESENT: Trudy De Groot, Sue Henderson, Peter LaTorre, Grace McCord, Judy Mullins, Wayne Philbrook, Kay Swift, Melinda Sword, Pat Wells

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE: Members recited pledge.

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 13, 2015 meeting were read. Peter made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Sue and motion passed.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treas., Sue Henderson, reported that the balance as of April 13, 2015 was \$4,326.23. After expenses and deposits, the balance as of May 11, 2015 is \$4,642.51. This does not include the cash box of \$80 and the CD of \$2,311.46. The sum of the April book sale was \$957.45. Sue gave a breakdown of each day's total. A check was written to PRIDE for Marilynne Memorial Scholarship of \$500. Since the book carousel in the lobby was started for the scholarship fund, we have taken in a little over \$1800. Peter suggested that since the carousel is doing so well, maybe next year we could raise the scholarship amount to \$600. Sue said we should put this item on a follow up agenda and address it in the spring and the same with the purchase of the yearbook.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Wayne said he brought a few show and tell items (baskets) for which some of what the money we donated was spent for the adult reading program. Each adult has to fill out a form about each book he/she reads and at the bottom of each form is an entry into the drawing for prizes. They are actually entered into two drawings-----one for the Patterson Library and one for a grand prize at the county library in Modesto. The county has two prizes. One is a tablet such as a Kindle or Nook and one is a \$100 Amazon gift card. In Patterson we have a variety of gift baskets and they put on the entry form the basket for which they

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT (continued): would like their form to be entered. Wayne said most of the baskets are geared toward women but he came up with a barbecue basket for men. They also have various prizes for the children's summer reading program.

Wayne said the Day of the Child (DIA) turned out very well with about 45 participants. They had two crafts that the children did at the library and one that they got to take home with them.

There are two performers booked at the library for the summer-----one is a magician and one is a group of people who play didgeridoos.

Olga is going to be the new Bilingual Outreach Librarian. The Modesto Library is also opening up another reference librarian position.

The Ceres Library is currently closed for renovation. It is being turned into a test bed for all the things they want to do at the libraries----new technology. If it works in Ceres then they may incorporate it into the other branch libraries. If it doesn't work, then they have only spent the money at one library. They want to have iPads and laptops, which people can check out to use in the library. They are also going to have a self-checkout station and a self pay printer and maybe a copier, fax, scanner, etc. This will not cause any staff reduction at the Ceres library.

Olga is being reassigned from Oakdale to the Modesto Library in her new position, which means that Wayne is going to be the new Oakdale librarian. He doesn't know when yet and he doesn't know who will be coming to Patterson.

BOOK SALE REPORT: Trudy said the old books that didn't sell are still here. Trudy had nothing else to report.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Melinda and Pete attended the Imagination Library Implementation Meeting in Modesto. Melinda said Pete has volunteered to champion this cause and he is going to tell us more about it. Pete said that the Imagination Library is something that Dolly Parton started at first locally in Tennessee. It is an early childhood literacy program. The purpose was to foster a love of reading among preschool children by providing them with a book each month. This program has expanded all over the United States and now they are in the process of extending this program worldwide. Children from ages 1-5 are provided a book each month. Pete has the

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: (continued): responsibility of registering the local kids for this program. Books that don't get delivered, Pete will pick up and mail them back so they can be reused.

The books are from Scholastic Books. Pete said he can't do anything till we get funding for it. He is not responsible for raising the money. The County Library and County Office of Education are running the program in this county. School districts are also getting involved. Las Palmas School here in Patterson is involved. It costs \$25.00 per child per year. Pete hopes the Friends of the Library will donate money to this program. There will be another meeting about this on May 20th. Wayne mentioned the Stanislaus County Library's program called, "1,000 Books Before Kindergarten", which is also an early literacy program. He said the children could participate in both programs.

OLD BUSINESS: Melinda read a letter from Diane McDonnell thanking us for the \$300 for the summer reading program and \$50 for DIA.

NEW BUSINESS: Trudy said that the bags that were ordered for the book sale were not of good quality. The handles broke and some bags had holes in them. She is going to call the company and see if we can return them and get a refund. Pete said he would talk to the Save Mart manager and see if he would sell us some bags.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 1:50 PM to sort books. The next meeting will be August 10 at 1:00 PM in the library conference room.

FOOTNOTE: There was a note at the bottom of the minutes that Pete made a motion to give Wayne \$200. The motion was seconded by Pat Wells and passed. Sue will write the check for \$200. However, I didn't get what the money was to be used for.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Mullins, Secretary