

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY

MINUTES May 13, 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, Kathleen Frederick, Gay Girard, Barbara Hartsell, Donald Hess, Marci Homer, Judy Mullins, Amparo Navarro, Arturo Navarro, Yvonne Reynolds, Susan Sawyer,

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES: The minutes of the April 8, 2024 meeting were read and approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer, Sue Henderson, was not at the meeting but she sent the treasurer's report to Marci and Marci reported that the balance as of April 8, 2024 was \$6,398.81 and after the book sale deposit of \$1113.91, the balance today, May 13, 2024, is \$7,512.72 plus \$80 in the cash box.

BOOK SALE REPORT: There was a review of the April book sale. It was noted that the amount of the book sale in the treasurer's report does not reflect the sale of books only. There were a couple of other items such as a painting that sold. Also we got several donations. There was discussion about the effectiveness of the book marks in bringing more

BOOK SALE REPORT(continued): children and thus, their parents, to the sale and whether or not to have the book marks for the October book sale. There was also discussion about whether to put the dates of the sale on the book marks. Donald Hess suggested that the library could give out book marks to customers to help promote the sales. Yvonne Reynolds made a motion to have the book marks for the October book sale. Motion was seconded by Kathleen Frederick and passed. Our next book sale will be October 22, 23 and 24 from 10:00 am – 5:00 pm each day.

LOVE PATTERSON: Gay gave a huge thank you to everyone who helped with the Friends of the Library booth at the Love Patterson Event. We gave away free books, which were donated from the city, to the children plus other items like pencils, erasers, etc. and the book marks for the children to color and bring to the book sale to receive a free book. There were 7 adults who signed up as being interested in perhaps becoming a member of Friends of the Library. The secretary, Judy, sent letters along with a membership form, thanking them for showing an interest and inviting them to join Friends of the Library. Gay said she has been approached about an opportunity for the Friends to have a booth in August for Back to School Night and/or Community Night Out. It was decided to discuss this at our June meeting.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Susan Sawyer said that Dia de los Ninos was a huge success. She said they had crafts, bilingual story time, the Patterson High Folkloric Dancers, free book giveaway and refreshments. Also community groups such as

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT(continued): Invest in Me, Girl Scouts and Central CA Child Development Services had tables where they gave out information about their various groups. She said about 109 people attended DIA.

Another of the library's activities was a rock painting activity, which was very popular with about 73 people attending. Susan said the first Switch activity will be Thursday, June 6 at 1:00 PM which will be geared toward teens and will be having snacks also at this activity. She said she will continue to need art supplies but has no requests at this time.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Susan Guest has resigned as President due to medical reasons and Marci Homer is acting President. She said she will have the revised Bylaws ready for our September meeting. Also there will be a formal election of officers in September. Marci said that Susan Guest had suggested that we have a book sorting in August, if needed.

OLD BUSINESS: Gay said that P.R.I.D.E. gave out \$175,000 in scholarships this year.

NEW BUSINESS: Yvonne asked if the Friends have ever thought about having a booth at the Apricot Fiesta. There was discussion and it is too soon for this year. She also said that the high school civics class has been attending city council meetings and that some students who may have an interest in library science may want to attend our meetings. There was some discussion about student volunteers and Yvonne said she will check with Dr. Gauna.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM.

Our next meeting will be June 10, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mullins, Secretary