

Friends of the Scotts Valley Library Meeting

08-14-2024 Minutes

1. **Welcome and call to order: 6:30 PM**

2. **In Attendance** - Sheri Morano, Barbara Stockmeir, Sylvia Lee, Margaret Niven, June Langhoff, Sheryl Andersen, Amy Fabbro, Roxanne Dwyer, Nancy Diaz, Judi Heher, Marc Winquest

3. **Approve July Minutes** – Motion made to approve. Minutes were approved.

4. **Agenda** - Changes were reviewed.

5. **Treasurers Report** – Marc reported the current balance as of the end of July was \$6,401.17. We have since added \$327 from lobby book sales and additional monies from e-book sales. Our current balance is \$7002.45

6. **Presidents Report** – Barbara shared leadership meeting notes from the August 2nd meeting. These notes were shared with her from Jeanne. Two major topics were discussed – 1) Communication between friends and library and between friends' groups. 2) Discussion regarding the 15% charge from authors book sales at author events. The decision was made to discontinue this policy. They will be working on the upcoming budget.

7. **Scotts Valley Events since Last Meeting** - 1) Jungle James – This was a huge success with 275 attendees. 145 attendees came to the reception at the library after the event. 2) Traveling Lanterns 35 people attended this event. There was not a reception after the event.

8. **Request for Funds** - Emily has asked if we can budget monies to cover snacks for Game Zones for the fall (September to December). Game Zone for the summer was not well attended, so they will no longer continue the program during the summer. The program will run during the school year. We have been providing funds for snacks. Barbara shared that we still have snacks and she will look at what we may be able to provide. She feels this will be within the already established budget. Barbara will talk with Emily tomorrow to review options.

9. **Author Events** - A proposal will be submitted to host an art event at the library “The Return of the Animals” or “A Celebration of the Animals” that will focus on the return of the paper Mache animals made by Beth Gripenstraw. The event will be for all age groups. The animals have recently been returned to display at the library. The artist will attend the event. The proposed date is November 8th. Additional animals will also be displayed.

10. **Friend's Corner** – Barbara will be featuring several topics. September 13th is Roald Dahl's Birthday. His books will be available to borrow. Constitution Week is September 17-23. Information and coloring sheets will be available. National Hispanic Heritage Month is Sept. 15-October 15th and will also be highlighted. New bookmarks have been printed and are available in this area. Sheryl will look at alternative options for having them printed in the future.

11. **Art in Library** – Margret shared the new volunteer installation coordinator for the library has found volunteers to help hang art for the art shows. Margaret has contacted the art teachers at the high school and middle school. The graphic design teacher from SVHS shared that this is the 25th anniversary for SVHS this year. The graphic arts teacher will contact the other art teachers at the high school. The plan is for them to meet with Margaret and discuss options for possible art shows at the library. The current show comes down September 28th. There will be a closing reception on September 21st from 3:00-5:00. Refreshments will be provided.

12. **Author Talks** – Judi shared information on the following events.

October 5th – Leslie Karst and Elizabeth McKenzie will discuss their books. The event will be held from 3:00-4:30. Both are local writers and have been friends for many years.

October 19th – Ghost Stories – Nancy Lynn Jarvis, editor of Santa Cruz Ghost Stories, and four friends will talk about Santa Cruz Ghost stories. The event will take place from 3:30-5:00.

October 24th - Spooktober Event – This event will take place from 2:00-4:00. The event is for preschool to late elementary age children. There will be stories, games, a photo booth, a face painter, activities and refreshments. A motion was made to provide \$400 to cover expenses. Motion approved.

13. **Books** – Sheryl shared that our donation shed is almost full. Discussed possible dates for a Book Sale. Looking at October 12th. Discussed option for where we can store additional book donations until that time. Barbara will follow up and look at storage options.

14. **OCR** - October 1st, 6:00 at the Aptos Library the books being considered for next year's OCR event will be revealed and voted on. This is a fun event. All are welcome to attend. You must respond via email if you wish to attend. If you are not on the email list, you can sign up through the Friends of the Aptos Library website.

15. **Newsletter** – Sheryl will be doing the newsletter for next month.

16. **Report from Staff Meeting**- The staff meeting was cancelled. Barbara shared that the adult librarian, Brian Gnerre, shared information on his background. He is working to get the 3D printer up and running. They currently only have black and white color filaments. He has requested funds for getting additional color filaments. He is looking at starting a design program for teens. He requested \$150. The group decided to increase the amount to \$200. Motion was made. Motion approved.

17. **FSCPL Board Meeting Updates** – Marc shared the big discussion was the 15% author fee on book sales at author events.

18. **Additional Comments, Questions and Discussions** – Barbara shared that the picture of the Friends of the SV Library we currently have posted on the website is from 5 years ago. She would like to update the photo – possibly at our next meeting in September.

19. **Next Meeting**: September 11th will be our next meeting.