

**Friends of the Scotts Valley Library Meeting
10-11-2023 Minutes**

- **Welcome and call to order: 6:30 PM**
- **In Attendance** – Sheryl Andersen, Nancy Diaz, Roxanne Dwyer, Amy Fabbro, Judi Heher, Laura Landreth, June Langhoff, George Melville, Michele Mize, Olga Nesterova, Margaret Niven, Jeanne O’Grady, Jutta Perry, Barbara Stocklmeir, Marc Winquest, Peppy Woll
- **Approve August Minutes** – Motion to Approve. Motion Approved.
- **Treasurers Report** – Marc reported. Current Balance is in flux.
- **Board News** – Marc reported. The Capitola Branch Library wants to install solar and pay for the library’s debt to PG&E to extend power poles. The Capitola Branch is requesting a letter of financial responsibility to hand over to the solar company. Motion to approve. Motion approved.
- **FY24 Budget** – Barbara reported. Budget was reviewed. Suggestion made to increase OCR expenses to \$2,000 due to Aptos Branch being closed and unable to collect monies from book sales. A budget request of \$400 for Spook-Tacular event. Motion to approve changes. Motion approved. Motion to approve budget. Motion approved.
- **Art in the Library** – Margaret reported. All future art shows will now need the approval of the Santa Cruz Library. Art shows are rotated quarterly. Upcoming shows will feature Printmaking from the Monterey Bay Printmakers, second quarter is TBA, third quarter Isabel Contreras and Dani Torvik will round out the year.
- **Giving Tree** – Roxanne reported. Linda Gault visited the library to view her leaf on the donor tree. She was very appreciative and spent time viewing the new library updates. Linda served as Scotts Valley’s head librarian for over 11 years. Several members of the Friends and library staff went for coffee after Linda’s tour. All had a very enjoyable, relaxing time. We also sold another leaf to Paul Brown.
- **Newsletter Status Report** – June reported. We currently have 110 people receiving the newsletter and one-third have already opened this month’s issue. If you have ideas for the newsletter, please let June know. Next month’s newsletter will be short and there will be no newsletter for December. January’s issue will contain a year in review accomplishment list.
- **Virtual Writer’s Open Mic** – June reminded all that Virtual Writer’s Open Mic is the first Wednesday of the month from 6:00-8:00p.m. All are welcome but registration is required.
- **OCR** – June reporting. This year’s OCR book has been selected, *The Monk of Mokha* by Dave Eggers. The newsletter contains links to interviews with Dave Eggers. All choices were worthy and a suggestion was made to review the list on the library website for interesting books to read. A discussion followed regarding possible OCR events included contacting local coffee roasters for participation and seeing if coffee theme could be incorporated in a print maker workshop.
- **Bird Walk Outing** – June. The bird walk outing, held September 23rd, was an enjoyable

social event for the Friends group. Eight members participated in the search for birds while walking the Sky Park path. The group followed the adventure with a walk to the coffee shop. Ideas for more social outings/activities are requested.

- **Spook-Tacular Event** – Judi. The Spook-Tacular event will begin with story time presented by Julie Costa Langley reading her book, *The Hat in the Closet*. A charming book about a girl who learns that not everything about Halloween is scary. A party will follow and include a photo booth, apple bobbing, pumpkin sweep race, a coloring/art table and possible face painting. Request for volunteers to man stations. Sheryl will reach out to high school students for possible volunteers. A face painter is needed. If you know of a face painter, please contact Judi. Suggestion made to hand out ticket numbers for face painting line. Nancy and Amy volunteered to assist Judi. The PR is done and will include the library's digital screen and info to media sources. Emily will do fruit and veggie trays. Judi will coordinate volunteers for trays of spooky cookies and treats. Event is for pre-school and elementary aged children. Estimated attendance is 25-30 children. Judi requested a \$200 budget for face painter and decorations. Friends suggested raising amount to \$400 to make sure needs were covered. Motion made to allow \$400 budget. Motion approved. The planning committee will meet Friday at 11:00a.m.
- **Book Sale & Craft Idea** – Sheryl. The next book sale will be Saturday, December 2nd from 10:30a.m.-2:00p.m. Set-up will be Friday from 12:00-5:00p.m. Sign-up schedule for volunteers to be emailed. Sheryl would also like to sell craft items using used books. Possible ideas, wreaths and trees made from old book pages. Sheryl will organize an art craft get together for Friends to make items.
- **Neuro Diverse Tool Kit** – Barbara. Barbara presented a sample Neuro Diverse Kit. Items will be used to settle and comfort children expressing stress. Items not only help children but improve the library environment. Each kit costs \$212. Motion to purchase one kit. Motion approved.
- **Library Staff meeting Report** – Laura. SV Friends members met with the library staff today. Friends were informed that Yolande will be leaving. October 19th will be her last day. Library will begin searching for a replacement for her position. Eric will fill the position during the interim. Abraham Escalante the library's adult services librarian has also left his position. Abraham headed the ping pong program which will temporarily no longer be available. Dave will resume ping pong program beginning in March. All branches will be closed November 10th & 11th, November 23rd & 24th, December 23rd & 24th and December 31st & January 1st.
- **Library Committee Report** – Peppy reported. Report from the committee stated that despite the Scotts Valley Branch being one of the largest facilities they have the lowest attendance number, according to the automated door counting.
- **Additional Comments** – Friends extended a thank you and applause to Roxanne for her years of organizing the Art in the Library. Margaret Niven will be taking on the task of organizing Art for the library. A motion to purchase a gift for Heather was requested. Motion approved. Santa Cruz Open Studios will feature 3 artists from our Friends association. Including our new head of Art in the Library – Margaret Niven.
- **REMINDERS:**

- Trivia on tap. First and third Thursday of the month, 6:30 at Steel Bonnet Brewing Company.
- 2024 CO-President – If anyone is interested in taking this on, please let Laura and Barbara know.
- No December meeting.

Next Meeting: Next meeting will be November 8, 2023, 6:30p.m.