

Friends of the Scotts Valley Library Meeting
09-13-2023 Minutes

- **Welcome and call to order: 6:30 PM**
- **In Attendance** - Sheri Morano, Laura Landreth, Nancy Diaz, Jutta Perry, Peppy Woll, Roxanne Dwyer, Barbara Stocklmeir, Judi Heher, George Melville, Sheri Morano, Amy Fabbro, June Langhoff
- **Approve August Minutes** – Motion to Approve. Motion Approved.
- **Treasurers Report** – Barbara reported for Marc. Current Balance is \$35,883. Steel Bonnet is bringing in \$13-15 monthly. The Service Desk is bringing in \$27 monthly. Lobby sales brought in \$206 this month. We will discuss the budget at our next meeting.
- **Patio Furniture** – Laura reported Marc finished the repairs on the patio furniture and we have received our new purchases.
- **Art in the Library** – Roxanne shared the current exhibit will be taken down 9-27. The next show will be put up on 9-30. The artist will be Anna Haulenbeek. Barbara shared a thank you letter from a previous artist who had an exhibit at the library.
- **Giving Tree** – Roxanne shared that we had previously decided to honor Linda Gault (our former Library Branch Manager) with a leaf on the tree. Roxanne reached out to Linda, who requested the wording on the leaf be “Rob and Linda Gault”. Roxanne has ordered the leaf. Once it is received, Roxanne will put it up and then take a picture and share this with Linda. We will have a small group at the library to be with Linda when she comes to see the leaf. Details will follow.
- **Newsletter Status Report** – June reported that the 9th issue of the newsletter recently went out. We currently have 110 people receiving the newsletter, with 66% readership. The past issues are now available to see on the web page. If you have ideas for the newsletter, please let June know. Judi shared that the library is now placing covid tests and masks in the library for people to use.
- **Author Talks**– Judi shared that in August Leslie Karst came. Over 25 people attended and it was a very enjoyable event. Leslie has committed to come do another book talk when she releases her new book, which will be the first in a new series. Maria Gatin will be here to discuss her book – This Bright Light of Ours. The book discusses her work in the civil rights movement as a community organizer in the south. We will look at having this event in January. Discussed that we are to place a 15% surcharge on the price of books when we sell them at events.
- **Community Service Fair** - – SVHS is having a community service fair on September 14th from 1:30-2:05. Sheryl made up informational flyers on volunteer opportunities for Friends Book Sales. The library also has specific needs for volunteers and that information will be shared at the event. Motion made to approve \$26.00 to cover cost of handouts at the event. Motion approved.
- **Presidents Report** – Barbara shared that the opening of the Aptos Library will likely be pushed out until January.
- **Library Staff meeting Report** - SV Friends members met with the library staff today. Everyone felt this was very informative and beneficial. We would like to look at ways we can have a library staff member attend our Friends meetings. Laura and Barbara have been attending meeting with the library staff monthly, but it was great to have other friends members involved. It is great to find out about the many events at the library. The library will no longer be having homework help. Instead, they will have a reading program – READ. This program is being implemented in other libraries. SF Jazz: Jackeline Rago & Rhythm Talks event will be held Sept. 23rd from 11:00-1:00.

- **Bird Walk** – September 23rd at 8:00. The group will meet outside the back patio. They will walk the path at Skypark. The walk will likely last 1 ½ to 2 hours.
- **REMINDERS:**
- Voting day for Our Community Read, Sept. 28, 6:00
- Trivia on tap Sept. 21, at 6:30
- 2024 CO-President – If anyone is interested in taking this on, please let Laura and Barbara know.
- Additional comment, question and discussions. The Newsletter will come out in the next few days. They have been coming out monthly. Let June know if you have an event you want to have included in the newsletter. Other branches include links to their minutes on their website. We will discuss. Also discussed trying to edit the current email list to just include people that are here. Sheryl shared that she just got information from Mary, who helped with setting up the website. Sheryl will share the information when she receives the bill. This was included in last year's budget
- **Next Meeting:** Next meeting will be October 11, 2023