

Friends of the Scotts Valley Library Meeting Minutes

Meeting: June 12, 2024

1. Welcome and call to order: 6:30 pm

The group members introduced themselves to Karin Meyer, who is joining the Friends' meeting for the first time.

2. In attendance: Jeanne O'Grady, Marc Winqest, Sylvia Lee, June Langhoff, Michele Mize, Amy Fabbro, Barbara Stockmeir, Jutta Perry, Nancy Diaz, Margaret Niven, Karin Meyer (new member)

3. Approval of May meeting minutes: Motion made to approve. Minutes were approved.

4. Treasurer's Report – Marc reported that our current balance is \$ 7,250.68 plus \$ 30K in a CD.

5. President's Report: Jeanne reported:

A new Library Director has been hired, Christopher Platt, he will start on July 8. He has been working as director of Mono County Library since 2018.

An Executive Director for Friends, Sarah Beck, has been hired, to start on 24 June. Sarah has a lot of experience working in non-profit organizations, management, fundraising etc.

3 Librarian positions have been filled. SV Librarian position has been filled, Brian Gnerre has been hired, he is presently working within the system, has been providing Tech Support for SV Library.

New ½ time position for Bookmobile, drive Bookmobile, do delivery and work at Live Oak Annex.

Kudos and a big Thank You to Monika Parikh who has been working as Interim Executive Director.

Papier Mache animals created by Beth Gripenstraw:

We will look into maybe getting an artist statement from Beth.

Maybe in November, Beth will present the book she is writing at present.

6. Scotts Valley events since last meeting

Summer Reading Program started on June 1.

As part of the program, Jungle James event will be held on July 10, at 1 pm at the theater (at the theater because of the large number of participants). Friends will offer lemonade and cookies after that event at the library, maybe there will be a scavenger hunt after the event at the library.

Game Zone: Only \$ 200 of the budgeted \$ 300 have been spent.

June 22: NorCal Bats, 1-2 pm at the library

July 12: Traveling Lantern

7. Book sale and Thrift Books update – Barbara

May book sale brought in about \$ 1950

A total of 302 people were in the library on that day, compared to 495 people when we had our sale in December 2023.

Barbara and Sheryl will continue to sell books on eBay and donate books to Goodwill (who also sells books on eBay). Selling books to Thrift Books is very labor intensive and not always cost effective since the shipping costs sometimes exceed the proceeds.

During the period Jan 2024 through June 2024, Friends' book sales at eBay resulted in a total of \$ 1,230.

8. Storybook Stroll - Barbara

The book "If..." from the author Sarah Perry is a perfect story for this program. Lots of positive comments have been received.

Barabara thanked those Friends who helped with the setup of the exhibit in the patio.

\$ 145 have been spent for books and material.

9. Friends' Corner – Barbara

Only info about "If..." at the moment. Barabara is looking into new topics to present there.

10. Adult Programs and upcoming exhibit: Margaret

No new adult programs scheduled at the moment.

The present art show of Myra Eastman's art will be taken down on June 29.

On July 6, Isabel Contreras' art will be set up.

Margaret will explore if we can use the Teen Room for art from Scotts Valley Middle and High School students.

11: Newsletter and projects/programs – June

June has started training Sheryl in putting together the newsletter. The newsletter keeps on being very well received.

Open Mic – still going strong

Our Community Reads 2025: Prep work has started. In September, a party will be held, during which the book for 2025 will be selected.

Pages & Popcorn: Planning to have this event on a regular basis.

12. Report from staff meeting. - 5/8 and FSCPL Board meeting–Jeanne/Barbara/Marc

Broken Umbrella on patio needs repair

8 new plants on patio

New Volunteer Coordinator for SC Library system has been hired

12. Next Meeting scheduled for July 10.

