

Friends of the Murrieta Library General Membership Meeting



Tuesday, February 21, 2017

Directors in Attendance: Lela Llorens, Carol Carson, Nancy Dixon, Allyson Quinlan, and Pat Farmer

Directors Absent: Rita Nastri and Gary Grim

Chairmen Present: Program Co-Chairpersons Maggie Pilotte and Judy Call, Membership Chairperson

Sandra Library Staff: Librarian Steve Herring

Special Guest and Speaker: Linda Seed

1. Call to Order: Vice President Lela Llorens called the meeting to order at 10:03 AM
2. Minutes: Recording Secretary Pat Farmer passed out copies of draft minutes of the January meeting, stating that email minutes will be sent out to everyone asking for any corrections or omissions. The January minutes will be approved as received or corrected at the March meeting.
3. Treasurer's Report: Carol Carson reported the combined net income for bookstores and Internet in January 2017 is \$ 4,264.28.
A good month! Please see attached for the complete report. Carol added "Brag": She complemented the Bookstores as being organized, having great prices, exceptional managers and knowledgeable volunteers. Carol shared her "Brag" at a recent City Council meeting.
4. Library Update: Steve Herring, who has been with our Library system for over 15 years, and is now part of the Adult Services Librarian team, updates included the damage to two of the Library's outdoor book drops; the replacement of pendant lighting in the library, removed for safety reasons; and a reminder that the Library will be closed March 11th, the day of the Tour de Murrieta. Steve invited us to attend the MEET OUR LOCAL HEROES: THE MURRIETA FIRE DEPARTMENT and learn about the Murrieta Fire Department! This workshop, to be held Monday, February 27, from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM, will cover topics such as fire prevention, fire communication, training, Emergency Medical Services and special operations. Another MEET OUR LOCAL HEROES, this time a presentation by CHP, "Smart Driver Safety" class for local teenagers and their parents, will be held Tuesday, March 21, 2017 from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM.
Lela accepted Steve's invitation, on behalf of the Library, to participate in the Library's Summer Reading Kick-off event June 10th from 12-3. The Library will provide a table, chairs and an EZ Up, and a visible (well located!) booth for the Friends.
5. Membership: Sandra Lucas did not have a report; however she and the Friends welcomed a new member, Saundra Felker. A reduced price of \$5 was announced for the Murrieta Library's 17 month calendar.

6. Corner Bookstore Update: Nancy Dixon, manager, congratulated Cathy Wilson on her success as the new Amazon virtual Corner Store internet book sales manager. Nancy also commented on the success of the side walk book sale held February 18th and thanked the many volunteers that assisted before, during and after the event. She added that more heavy lifters are needed for this event. The store's total net for January was \$1,140.00. See attached Treasurer's report for the full Corner Store financial report.
7. Town Square Book Store Update: Maggie Pilotte, manager, shared a great story of a young Chinese couple starting an English school in China requiring children's books in English. The couple purchased 300 books from the store, adding \$ 427 to the month's sales. The store's total net for January was \$ 3,123.75. See attached Treasurer's report for the full Town Square Store financial report.
8. Programs: Maggie Pilotte reminded us of the upcoming speakers: poet Ruth Nolan in March, gardening expert Penny Alverson in April, Louise Mathews will speak about cooking in jails in May, and the Friends' Historian Nancy Dixon will share her memories of the Friends 'Early Days' in June.
9. Special Events : Lela Llorens mentioned that the Fireman's Barbeque will be held in April but the specific day has not yet been published.
10. Publicity: Rita Nastri was absent; however she had sent an email detailing her publicity releases during the month. They included PR releases to the Patch as well as posting the Friends General meeting information on all newspaper calendars. Rita also requested that information on Amazon's Smile program be relayed to the Friends. By choosing the Friends of the Murrieta Library as your 501 c 3 Charity/non-profit, the Amazon Smile Foundation will donate 0.5% of the purchase price. An easy fundraiser for the Friends.
11. Old Business: None
12. New Business: none
13. Comments: Lela thanked her refreshment "partners" Pat Santos and Eleanor Newhard as well as the February refreshment team. Please sign up to contribute to a month's refreshments.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM by Vice President Lela Llorens.

Respectfully submitted,



Pat Farmer

Recording Secretary