

FRIENDS OF THE MURRIETA LIBRARY

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"Gem of the Valley"

GENERAL MEETING

March 17, 2015 10 a. m.

Murrieta Public Library Community Room

Gary Grim
President

Lela Llorens
Vice President

Aimée Fitch
Secretary

Carol Carson
Treasurer

Board Members present: President Gary Grim, Vice President Lela Llorens, Treasurer Carol Carson, Secretary Aimée Fitch, Directors: Historian/By Laws Nancy Dixon, Publicity Rita Natri, School Representative Allyson Quinlan

Advisors present: Carol Van Dorn, Dan Rexwinkel, Maggie Pilotte, Judy Call, Sandra Lucas, Laura Davis for the Library

1. Meeting called to order by President Gary Grim at 10:00 a. m.
2. Corrections and Additions to the Minutes February 17, 2015 were approved as corrected.
3. Treasurer's Report - Carol Carson
Commended the membership committee on getting renewals and new memberships.
(Hard copy of the report is attached to the hard copy of these minutes.)

4. Library Update – Laura Davis
(Hard copy of the report is attached to the hard copy of these minutes.)
 - Coincidentally today is also the Library's 8th Anniversary of the opening of this location (It is also St. Patrick's Day.)
 - Children's Department going strong – outlined programs coming up this month.
 - Outlined Adult Programs coming up also
 - Longtime Library Assistant Terri Daniels retired in February; they are looking to fill her position in the next four to six weeks
 - There are four Archival Collections currently in process and they should be completed in four to six weeks as well. Asked for volunteers to help with copying, scanning and working with photos. If interested, give Laura a call

5. Historical Presentation – Nancy Dixon
From Nancy's notes and the tape recording of the presentation:
“Post city-hood, c. 1991, Carol Kravagna and Dottie Renon:
 - went to the County Library Board meetings to lobby for a library for Murrieta; County kept putting them off saying Murrieta might get a branch library or a mobile one.
 - signed in as “Friends of the Murrieta Library”; Carol Kravagna said that they should have a Friends of the Murrieta Library and see what they could do as a group
 - Carol and Dottie started buying books at garage sales and such and started a lending library in the old house by the Community Center
 - on April 14, 1996 at the Fireman's BBQ they set up a booth with some books for sale to solicit members for the Friends of the Murrieta Library.
 - Ended up with a wonderful charter group who held their first meeting on September 25, 1996
 - Carol Kravagna found out that the amount of money that the Friends would be eligible for through property taxes designated for libraries could run a library; got help from the Librarian in Palm Springs who went through the county system and started their own library. She knew we could do it too.
 - The group was going to city council meetings to withdraw from the county system and have our own library; city council ok'd the request on October 15, 1996.

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Directors:

Allyson Quinlan
Nancy Dixon
Rita Natri

Next Meeting
10 A. M. Tuesday,
April 21, 2015
Library
Community
Room.

Genealogist
KARL WEILER
will speak on
how to look for
your ancestry.

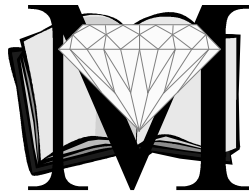
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From Nancy's notes and the tape recording of the presentation:
 - The county sent back “The Letter” saying that there was a loophole in the law that they were using so they would not have to give Murrieta the money from property taxes to have our own library
 - Carol and friends worked with a State Legislator who was working on a bill to get that loophole closed; the bill passed in late 1998.
 - Finally getting a library, they searched around and found the former Wells Fargo Bank on Los Alamos by Whitewood to rent so, on April 10, 1999 was the opening of the first Murrieta Library!
 - June 1999, The Friends of the Murrieta Library opened a bookstore in the same shopping center.
 - In 2003, a bond was on the state ballot, that passed, giving money to libraries; Murrieta's own Diane Satchwell sent in an application and it was denied; she kept at it and on October 28, 2003 \$10M was approved!
 - On June 24, 2005, Murrieta held the groundbreaking for its' new library! At that ceremony, Nancy, as Historian, said the following: “At last, this long awaited day is here. Today we have all come together: The Friends, the City, the Library. Today we remember, we celebrate, and we thank all those whose passionate dedication and diligent efforts have come together to make it possible for us to gather around this symbolic little scoop of earth – on this spot which will soon blossom with Murrieta's very own Public Library!”
 - Because of contractor bids, increased costs, whether or not there was going to be a Heritage Room and Garden of Verses, and various construction delays, construction finally started in the summer of 2006.
 - On March 17, 2007 this fantastic facility finally opened!
 - “Our acorn that was in a little pot over at the other Library now is in real soil and real ground where it all came together.”
 - Praised the Library Staff for how great they are at nurturing the Library and the community.
 - Story boards on the side tables have photos of the opening
 - On October 16, 2006, Loretta McKinney had a “Making Our Mark in History” gathering where the names and inscriptions of FOML members who were there are on the dry wall; it is now in the wall behind the check-in desk.

6. Membership – Sandra Lucas
 - Nothing new to report



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7. Corner Bookstore – Nancy Dixon

• In-store receipts	\$5,912
Internet	+ 544
	<u>\$6,466</u>
Expenses	- <u>4,833</u>
Net Profit	\$1,633

- The Sidewalk Sale did over \$1,100! Thanked those who helped make it a success

8. Town Square Bookstore - Maggie Pilotte

- Net income for Feb. was \$2,308; Internet - \$949; Total \$3,257

8. Programs – Maggie Pilotte

- Outlined the programs for the rest of the year

9. Special Events – Carol Van Dorn

- Gary reminded members of another J. Carter's Grill fundraiser on Tuesday, March 24th.
- Carol – this is the 68th year of the Fireman's BBQ and that there are still some empty slots to fill

10. Publicity - Rita Nastri

- Welcomed new members and guests
- Spoke with Dan Rexwinkel about getting on Facebook and asked if he could look into that; was informed that the Friends already have a Facebook page

11. There was no Old Business

12. There was no New Business

13. There were no Comments

14. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 a. m.

After a brief refreshment break, Author and Sculptor Ricardo Breceda spoke about his work.

Respectively submitted,

FOML Secretary

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Secretary's note: As I was leaving the meeting to head to my daughter's school, where I volunteer, I saw Mr. Breceda's truck in the parking lot with this majestic sculpture in the truck bed so I took a few photos.

Hope you got to see it too!
Aimée K Fitch FOML Secretary

