

Friends of the Murrieta Library General Meeting



Tuesday October 8, 2019

Directors in Attendance: *Rita Nastri, Carol Carson, W. Dan Rexwinkel, and Pat Farmer*

Absent: *Karen Michaud, Nancy Dixon and Orelia Moore*

Also in Attendance: *Programs Co-Chairs Judy Call and Maggie Pilotte*

1. President Rita Nastri called the meeting to order at 10:01 AM; welcoming everyone in attendance and thanking all for coming to enjoy our program. Rita stated that we are a non-profit organization. Our primary source of funds is through our two bookstores which are staffed entirely by volunteers. She mentioned that we have various sign-up sheets on the table as well as membership forms. A library staff member attends every meeting so we have constant updates on the library's programs and needs.
2. Minutes: The minutes were approved as reviewed/proofed. The approved minutes will be available on the FOML website: murrietalibraryfriends.org. Marsha Ellingbone, Jan Emde and Mary Lou Rosczyk will review the October minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report: Carol Carson reported
 - a) The total net income of the Bookstores and internet was \$3,660.45
 - b) Other current assets as of September 2019 : \$ 282,396.71
 - c) Memberships: \$ 85.00
4. Library Update: Library Specialist Ashley Jennings-Bigay reported
 - a) The summer program was 6 weeks long with 2,690 reading participants of all ages.
 - b) A community service interview was taken as the library realizes the need to fit into community needs. An online sign up for various programs has been created. A lot of people enjoy the new set-up. Numbers have increased for the events.
 - c) The library is on U-tube so you can see how the programs are managed.
 - d) Teens' art work is presently displayed in the library.
 - e) The teen advisory council will host the Halloween Haunted House event in the garden Tuesday October 22. There will be a costume contest.
 - f) Tech help for adults is available. All types of tech are covered. You may book a librarian's tech help for 30 minutes.
 - g) Heritage room tours and geology help is also available.
 - h) The library has a notary, Gretchen Sedlacek.
 - i) Music instruments may be checked out for 2 weeks; no wind instruments available.
5. Corner Bookstore: Nancy Dixon was absent.
 - a) Rita reported that Sidewalk Overstock Sale will be Saturday, October 26, 2019, 10:00 AM TO 5:00 PM
6. Town Square Bookstore Update: Co- Manager Maggie Pilotte reported:
 - a) The total net income for September was \$ 2,826.68 (including internet sales of \$ 899.47)
7. Programs: Program Co- Chair Maggie Pilotte stated that author Larry Burns will be today's speaker. The November speaker will be Cati Porter, author of *The Body at a Loss*. December is our Annual Christmas Party

hosted by Carol Carson. January's speaker is author Jeri Westerson, a novelist of medieval mysteries. Author Rebecca Farnbach, who writes about the history of our valley, will be February's speaker.

8. Membership Chair Karen Michaud was absent. Rita gave an update:
 - a) Bernadette Kauffman joined Karen at the Activities Fair at the Colony; an outreach event where they handed out information on FOML and various other promotional items including wrist bands and book store coupons.

9. Publicity: Rita reported
 - a) The search for a Publicity Chair continues.
 - b) Articles about the FOML programs, meetings, and bookstores have been placed around town.
 - c) A coupon for the Mill event has been created and sent via Eblast to our members who were encouraged to share with their friends.
 - d) Rita had lunch with Diane Simones, owner of Neighbors Newspaper who had several publicity ideas.
 - e) Information on the Friends and our events has also been posted on the Patch and Nextdoor.com.

10. Special Events:
 - a) A Chair is required to take over the Field of Honor. The Rotary Club's Field of Honor information is available at both bookstores. FOML receives \$ 10 for each flag we sell.
 - b) We need volunteers to hand out FOML information and gifts for the children during Friends of Libraries Week October 21 to 26. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
 - c) The Mill very generously opened their restaurant for us again for a fundraiser on October Oct 22. FOML will receive 20% of the sales.
 - d) Please send on the Eblast to your friends about our special events/fundraisers.
 - e) The FOML website, www.murrietalibraryfriends.org, and FOML Facebook page are great places to learn about our special events and book sales. FOML webmaster W. Dan Rexwinkel gave instructions on how to "like us" on Facebook and how to find the list of special events on both our Facebook page and website. Today's speaker, Larry Burns, posted photos on Facebook regarding today's program.

11. Old Business: None

12. New Business: None

The General Meeting was adjourned at 10:30 AM

Refreshments followed. Maggie then introduced writer/historian Larry Burns who gave an insight to the historical, sometimes forgotten, places in our county.

Respectfully Submitted,



Pat Farmer, Recording Secretary