

Friends of the Murrieta Library General Meeting

Tuesday, November 19, 2018

Directors in attendance: Carol Carson, Dan Rexwinkel, Nancy Dixon

Absent: Rita Nastri, Karen Michaud, Allyson Quinlan, Pat Farmer

Also in Attendance: Librarians Kathryn Miller & April Philips, Program Co-Chair Judy Call, Hospitality Chair Lela Llorens, Tim DeChenne, Director Nominee

Director Nancy Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM

Announcement was made that due to the very small attendance the program planned by the library staff would be cancelled for this meeting and rescheduled for some time in 2019 as they had a very extensive program to put on and it warrants a larger attendance.

Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 2018 general meeting minutes as proofed. The approved minutes will be available on the FOML website: murrietalibraryfriends.org. The November 2018 minutes will be "proofed" by Dan Rexwinkel, Polly Filanc and Pat Santo.

Treasurer's Report: Carol Carson reported that the combined October net income for the two bookstores was \$3,611.17. See attached financials in Minutes folder for the detailed financial report.

Library update by Kathryn Miller included

Holiday closing dates for the library: Thursday and Friday: November 22 and 23 for Thanksgiving, Monday and Tuesday: December 24 and 25 for Christmas and December 31 and January 1, 2019 for the New Year.

She thanked the Friends for a donation of \$2,000.00 for their spring programs

Introduced April Philips, Office Specialist, and praised her for being an invaluable worker behind the scenes in the Children's Department in all areas, but especially in planning the children's programs. Lela intervened and also praised April for her help in setting up the community room for the Friends' meetings; making sure the door is unlocked for the hospitality chair to get in with all her "fixings"; Lela thanked Elise for supplying us our own storage in the kitchen which cuts down on hauling so many supplies in each month. Judy Call also commented on April's help with program set-up. It seems we have a wonderful working relationship with the Library staff, for which we are most thankful.

Corner Bookstore – Nancy reported October had been a little slower than usual with a net of \$762.09. This included the October 20th sidewalk sale that brought in \$885.00. She read an entry written by a young man in one of the donated books that was touching. She also introduced Tim DeChenne, a volunteer at the Corner store who will be running for the board in January. Complete financial report in Minutes folder.

Town Square Bookstore – In Maggie's absence, Judy Call reported in-store sales of \$1,938.25 and Internet sales of \$961.39 for a total net of \$2,849.08. Complete financial report in the Minutes folder.

Programs – Judy Call mentioned that they would reschedule the Library program in 2019 so as not to disappoint everyone who was looking forward to it. In January, Kim Gerrish from Michelle's place who will talk about their expansion due to so many demands on their cancer support programs and adding help on other cancers. February will be a return by Eve Gaal, a local author.

At this point in the meeting, Mila, who serves on the hospitality committee, asked for the floor. She teaches Latin dances at the Senior Center and wanted us to know how supportive the Center is toward the Friends and that the only way she was able to participate with her project of dancing for seniors was by being a member of the Friends. Opened doors for her. Her Latin dance programs have become extremely popular and are helping seniors keep active.

Membership – In Karen’s absence, Nancy talked about the successful Friends of Libraries week in our Library introducing new people to the Friends; displayed Proclamation from the city to the Friends for this special week – a copy of this can be found on our website. One new member – Elena Dewey.

Publicity – Nancy introduced our new Publicity Chair, Cathy Brice, who will be starting in January.

Special Events -- Introduced Polly Filanc, our new Hospitality Chair, who will be starting in January, also; date and time of Christmas Party – Dec. 11; 11:00 AM at Carson’s Ranch – directions in Nov/Dec. issue of Booknotes – need to contact Lela for special dish everyone will be bringing.

19 flags were sold for the Field of Honor, netting the Friends \$190.00. Judy Call volunteers on the day the schools bring their 5th grade classes for a first hand, visual history lesson. Judy encouraged anyone interested to volunteer next year. She said it is a great program.

The Mill fundraiser raised \$2,213.90 for The Mill and \$450.00 for the Friends.

Festival of Trees – Dec. 1st at Town Square Park – Pat Farmer and Paula Cobb, along with children from Oak Grove will be decorating a tree donated by the Friends. These trees are then donated to needy families. Our theme is “Elf on a Shelf.” Volunteers should be at the park by 9:00 AM.

Nominations – Nancy explained the nominating and election process, terms of office, and election of directors that will take place in January. Nominees: Dan Rexwinkel, Karen Michaud and Tim DeChenne.

Meeting was adjourned at 10:37 and continued as a social time to visit and enjoy the refreshments.

Respectfully submitted,
Carol Carson, Treasurer