

# Friends of the Murrieta Library General Meeting



*Tuesday November 19, 2019*

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

Also in Attendance: *Programs Co-Chairs Judy Call and Maggie Pilotte, and Hospitality Chair Polly Filanc*

1. President Rita Nastri called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM, welcoming everyone and acknowledging several new faces in attendance including new life time member Kurt Korneisel. Rita stated that the Friends of the Murrieta Library (FOML), as a non-profit organization, have raised over one million dollars.
2. Minutes: The minutes were approved as reviewed. The approved minutes will be available on the FOML website: [murrietalibraryfriends.org](http://murrietalibraryfriends.org). Evelyn Dial, Polly Filanc and Kurt Korneisel will review the November minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report: Carol Carson reported
  - a) The total net income of the Bookstores and internet sales: \$ 4,586.37
  - b) Other current assets as of October 2019 : \$ 288,989.14
  - c) Memorial Donations ( Lee Heinz and Coletha Hutchison) : \$ 250.00
  - d) Judy Call: \$ 1,000
  - e) Author Larry Burns: \$ 40.00
  - f) See attached for more details
4. Library Update: Laura Davis, Adult Services Librarian, and Library Specialist Ashley Jennings-Bigay reported
  - a) The city is installing more electric car recharge stations by the library.
  - b) There is going to be an outdoor fitness park for seniors during the day. The park will be open for all in the evening.
  - c) There are three groups of challenged adults who are helping in the library. Their volunteer service has been very helpful.
  - d) Parents can check out Storytime kits with toys and activities. The approximately 15 kits can be used by the parents whose children could not get into story time because of the limited space. In Jan the library will be doing 3 back to back story times for up to 60 persons per time in an attempt to have every child allowed into story time.
  - e) Question from FOML: is this the time for a library expansion. There seem to be a need.
  - f) Grief, memory and depression kits are being made available as well. The library received a grant from state library for some of these kits.
  - g) The library now has a good supply of instruments to loan out thanks to FOML and TVWC (Temecula Valley Woman's Club). This is a very popular program.
  - h) Laura and Ashley attended California Library Association Annual Conference. They said it was a great learning experience. They have been sharing their new knowledge with other library staff and city employees. They attended 12 classes each.
5. Membership Chair Karen Michaud:
  - a) Welcomed new members, including three life time members.
  - b) Suggested we Give a Gift of Membership. One year is \$ 15.
  - c) Reported the Celebration in October for Friends in the Library was successful. She thanked the volunteers who gave away several gifts such as FOML bracelets, pencils and note cards. It was a very productive outreach to the community.

- d) Asked that we give any changes in our contact info to her.
  - e) Reported that Bernadette Kauffman, who has been a great help to Membership and Hospitality, has had to resign.
6. Corner Bookstore: Nancy Dixon reported
- a) The total net for October was \$ 2,439.50
7. Town Square Bookstore Update: Co- Manager Maggie Pilotte reported:
- a) The total net income for September was \$ 2,166.87 ( including internet sales of \$ 688.00)
8. Programs: Program Co- Chair Maggie Pilotte stated that author Cati Porter, author of *The Body at a Loss*, will be today's speaker. December 10<sup>th</sup> 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. Our speaker for March is Diane Kennedy....owner of the Finch Frolic Garden in Fallbrook.
9. Publicity: Rita
- a) Repeated that the search for a Publicity Chair continues.
  - b) Flyers have been posted to Grand Isle and Amanda Park.
  - c) Eblasts are constantly going out.
  - d) An article in the Bear Creek paper goes out regularly.
  - e) Help with PR by getting the word out on Facebook, neighborhood newspapers (online or paper), and telling your friends.
10. Hospitality: Chair Polly Filanc
- a) Rita thanked the membership for providing the delicious goodies.
  - b) She also thanked Chair Polly and her helpers Karen and Pat.
  - c) Polly has new sign-up sheets for 2020. We are changing to a smaller selection of goodies.
  - d) Thank you Eleanor for signing up for November's goodies.
11. Old Business:
- a) The Mill Fundraiser on October 22, generously donated by owners Adam Bouvet and Linda Westfall, was a success. Thank you for attending. We will have the financial results at the January 2020 meeting.
  - b) The Field of Honor was a beautiful sight and as an affiliate of the event FOML received some funds.
  - c) Pat Farmer reported that the Oak Grove students helped make the ornaments for this year's Christmas tree in the Murrieta Park. They will help the FOML volunteers decorate the Tree on Saturday December 7<sup>th</sup>.
12. New Business:
- a) We received a letter of resignation in late June from Board Member Tim Dechene. The Board accepted this with regret at our September Board Meeting and at that time appointed Orelia Moore to fill his spot until our General Meeting in January. But Orelia has also resigned and we have another volunteer who has stepped up to be on the Board. We will submit her name to be voted on at the January Annual Meeting as well as entertain nominations from the floor for the position of Director.

b) Mark your calendar for the Christmas Party, Dec 10 at 11 AM, hosted by FOML at Carol Carson' home.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 10:42 AM

Refreshments followed. Maggie then introduced today's program; author Cati Porter.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Patricia L. Farmer".

Pat Farmer  
Recording Secretary