



**Friends of the Murrieta Library General Membership Zoom Meeting
Tuesday November 17, 2020**

**Directors in Attendance: Rita Nastri, Carol Carson, W. Dan
Rexwinkel, Karen Michaud, Pat Farmer, Evelyn Dial**

**Also in attendance: Maggie Pilotte, Ashley Bigay, Judy Call, Lela
Llorens**

- 1. Call to order at 10:00am**
- 2. Webmaster: Rita thanked Dan Rexwinkel for putting the Zoom meetings together. She explained the Zoom courtesies regarding who will be muted and when Dan will use the muting feature. Rita explained how we are able to record the meetings and program and share the recordings on YouTube and our website. The primary source of our funding to the library comes from the two book stores which are staffed by our volunteers. They have donated to the library over \$850,000 over the years of the more than \$1,000,000 raised.**
- 3. October 2020 Minutes: Evelyn asked for a motion to accept minutes as written and corrected. The motion was made by Karen Michaud and seconded by Pat Farmer. Motion was approved. November minutes are to be reviewed by Lela Llorens, Gloria Bockrath and board member Karen Michaud.**
- 4. Treasurer's report: Carol Carson gave the detail of the financial transactions. Financials are up a little, thanks to the Bookstores' sales. The financials' detail are attached. Rita mentioned that Carol also publishes the Booknotes Newsletter for us and does an excellent job. Thank you to Carol for all the hard work that it takes to gather all the information and publish it.**
- 5. Library update: Ashley Bigay from the library staff reported that the library is still closed and an open date is unknown. She**

announced that the library received a \$5,000 grant to enable the library to have another electronic book system called Freading that will enable more than one patron at a time to check out an e-book. The link for that new resource will probably be available in January 2021. Ashley reported that the library will be getting a new self check-out system soon which will improve the old self-check out process. The staff has posted over 800 posts on Facebook. There have been 57 virtual Storytime sessions and over 700 new library cards issued. This is all due to the outstanding job all our library employees are doing during this time of closures. Our library was the only library in the system to keep the book drops open from the beginning of the shutdown and to make appointments for curbside pickups. There have been 6,600 appointments made and 45,000 items were circulated. Ashley thanked the FOML for all their support. Carol Carson thanked the library staff for all their hard work.

- 6. Corner Bookstore report: Nancy could not attend. The financial report is attached.**
- 7. Town Square Bookstore report: Maggie Pilotte reported that the book store is open Tuesday and Thursday 10am to 1pm with limited traffic since the library is closed. The total sales from the store and internet were \$1,453.23 and the net sales were \$1,399.10 after phone bill paid. The in-store sales are minimal but the internet sales are steady even though they are down from normal. The internet sales are creating most of the income for the Town Square Bookstore at this time. One book sold for \$300. The Financial report is attached.**
- 8. Programs: Today the program will be presented by Vincent Sweeney. It will be about the WWII POW's in the Pacific Theater. The January program will be presented by local author Michelle Deerwester-Dalrymple. February's program is pianist Yiyi Ku. She has performed for us before and she has a piano studio in Murrieta. Judy Call and Maggie Pilotte work together to arrange great programs for our meetings. Judy Call reported that the Temecula Valley Historical Society will be presenting a live on Zoom presentation of the "Two Women Who Dared" program with Bonnie Martland and Karen Michaud on June 28,**

2021 for their members. This will be a reenactment of the program that was presented at our October meeting to celebrate the ratification of the 19th amendment.

9. Membership: Karen reported that we are still able to accept membership renewals. There are 30 members who have not renewed their membership but it is not too late to renew your membership. Karen reported there are 147 members eligible to vote which includes 83 lifetime members.

10. Publicity: Rita mentioned that the local magazine NEIGHBORS had great coverage for us about the Field of Honor in the current issue. Rita reminded us to forward all the reminder e-blast emails to our friends to get the word out about the upcoming activities of the FOML.

11. Special Events:

Field of Flags: Pat Farmer reported that even with the restrictions of the virus it was a big success due to the Rotary and all the volunteers.

Christmas Party: There will be no Christmas Party for the FOML this year due to Covid-19 restrictions. We look forward to a party next year.

Christmas tree: The City of Murrieta has decided not to have the Christmas Trees in the Park event this year due to Covid-19. Instead, Oak Grove School is asking for our support for their Baking School Bakery. You can go to the school's website to find out how to order baked goods at their bakery and support the school. It gives the students an excellent opportunity to learn about a business and supports the school financially.

12. Old business: Dan explained that the meeting and the program will be on our website via our YouTube channel for viewing. All the Zoom meetings are on there.

13. New business: Pat reported that Dan e-blasted on November 9th an email to the membership for their votes regarding whether the board members' positions that are due to expire should be extended another year due to the Covid-19 restrictions. The voting is open until November 24th. The January meeting is to be determined. Carol thanked Rita for all her hard work and dedication to the FOML. Rita wished everyone a very happy holiday season.

14. Adjourned at: 10:30am

**Respectfully submitted
Evelyn Dial, Secretary**