

# Friends of the Murrieta General Meeting



*Tuesday March 19, 2019*

Directors in Attendance: Carol Carson, Nancy Dixon, Karen Michaud, W. Dan Rexwinkel

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

1. Acting President Nancy Dixon called the meeting to order at 10:02 AM.
2. Nancy welcomed members, visitors and new members.
3. Minutes: A motion was made by Linda Hicks and seconded by Carol Carson to approve the February 2019 general meeting minutes as proofed by FOML (Friends of the Murrieta Library) members and the FOML Board. The approved minutes will be available on the FOML website: [murrietalibraryfriends.org](http://murrietalibraryfriends.org). Linda Hicks and the FOML Board will proof the March minutes.
4. Treasurer's Report: Carol Carson reported that
  - a) The total net Bookstore/Internet sales for February were \$ 5,273.87, which included proceeds from a Corner Bookstore Sidewalk Overstock sale.
  - b) The February 28, 2019 balance in the business account was \$37, 496.32.
5. Library Update: Laura Davis, Adult Services Librarian, reported that:
  - a) Ancestry.com can be accessed on the Library's website through Riverside County.
  - b) New York Times has a new data base that can be accessed from a link on the library's website. This free service includes all articles and archives.
  - c) Walking Readers is an approximately 30-minute walk every Thursday at 8:30 am for adults, weather permitting, in Historic Old Town Murrieta (about 1 mile—meet at Library entrance).
  - d) The Library is very grateful to the Friends for approving their \$50,000 request for funding for collection materials and library programs for the next fiscal year beginning July 1, 2019.
  - e) Power of YOU! is a Personal Development book club that meets on the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of each month from 6:00 – 7:00 pm.
6. Corner Bookstore: Nancy Dixon reported
  - a) The net income for January was \$2,325.00 (See attached financial sheets for details)
  - b) The Sidewalk Overstock Sale on Feb. 23, 2019 netted \$1,507.75—a record! Dan Rexwinkel, the FOML Webmaster, posted the sale on Facebook. The Library Facebook page picked up the FOML post, and there was a mob of people waiting when the sale opened in the morning! Also, a donation of additional tables allowed the volunteers to put out more books than before.
  - c) The Corner Bookstore will be open until 5 pm on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays during Daylight Savings Time. It is open until 6 pm on Wednesdays & Saturdays, and until 8 pm on Fridays.
7. Town Square Bookstore Update: Manager Maggie Pilotte reported:
  - a) The total net income for February was \$ \$2,548.99 (See attached financial sheets for details)
  - b) The internet sales have been doing very well in March.

- c) Reviews for both bookstores are now on Yelp.
  - d) Maggie displayed a framed certificate honoring long-time FOML volunteer Carmen Stratemeyer. The certificate will be presented to her at her home.
8. Programs: Program Co- Chair Maggie Pilotte reminded us the March speaker is Jeff Spalsbury. In April the Library Staff will present “A Day in the Life of Planning Library Programs”. The May 21<sup>st</sup> program will be Ballet Folklorico with student dancers from Murrieta Elementary School. The June 18 program will feature Angel Hudak, a singer who is a senior at Murrieta Mesa High School.
9. Membership: Chair Karen Michaud reported that:
- a) We have four new members including Orelia Moore (a volunteer at the Corner Bookstore), Paul Parker and family, Erika Vergara, and Daniella DeLuca, a Town Square Bookstore volunteer.
  - b) We have also received two renewals: Anna Mae Ackerman and Sandra Felker.
  - c) The universal renewal date starts in June for those who have not recently renewed. Karen will send out an email to remind everyone to renew their membership.
10. Booknotes: Nancy thanked Carol Carson, editor, for her great work on Booknotes. Carol noted that we now have “classified ads” seeking volunteers for vacant positions.
11. Publicity: This is a vacant position for which a volunteer is needed. Rita Nastri is very capably filling in during the interim but would welcome some help.
12. Hospitality: Nancy thanked Polly Filanc, our Hospitality Chair, and those who assist in setting up and bringing refreshments each month. She urged everyone to sign up for future meetings.
13. Special Events:
- a) We need a Special Events Chair, or a Chair for each event.
  - b) The Fire and Rescue Barbeque is April 28<sup>th</sup>. Members were urged to sign up for the shifts selling books at the FOML booth. We also need a truck and help with transporting books and setting up the booth.
14. Webmaster: Nancy thanked Dan for his work on Facebook, especially for the Overstock Sale.
15. Old Business:
- a) The new membership brochures have been printed and are available.
16. New Business:
- a) Nancy Dixon commented on the throngs of butterflies in the area and read a haiku she wrote about them.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 10:29 AM. Refreshments followed. Maggie Pilotte then introduced our speaker Jeff Spalsbury, a local author.

Respectfully Submitted,

*Judy Call*

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Acting Recording Secretary