



# FRIENDS OF THE MURRIETA LIBRARY

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*"Gem of the Valley"*

## GENERAL MEETING

**May 19, 2015 10 a. m.**

Murrieta Public Library Community Room

**Gary Grim**

President

**Lela Llorens**

Vice President

**Aimée Fitch**

Secretary

**Carol Carson**

Treasurer

Directors:

**Allyson Quinlan**

**Nancy Dixon**

**Rita Natri**

**Next Meeting**

**10 A. M. Tuesday,**

**May 19, 2015**

**Library**

**Community**

**Room.**

**Local Author**

**Maria Pease**

**will speak on her  
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the meeting.**

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**FOML news!**

*Board Members present:* Officers: President Gary Grim, Vice President Lela Llorens, Treasurer Carol Carson, Secretary Aimée Fitch; and Directors: Publicity Rita Natri, Parliamentarian Nancy Nancy Dixon, School Representative Allyson Quinlan

*Advisors present:* Judy Call, Sandra Lucas, Joyce Lea Brown for the Library

1. Meeting called to order by President Gary Grim at 10:01 a. m.

President Gary Grim introduced the FOML Board Members that were present. Guest Sharon from Lela's Writing Group was introduced.

2. Corrections and Additions to the April 21, 2015 minutes were approved as corrected.

3. Treasurer's Report - Carol Carson

- Gave update for April, 2015
- The J. Carter's Fundraiser netted \$341

(Hard copy of the report is attached to the hard copy of these minutes.)

4. Library Update – Joyce Lea Brown

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- Outlined upcoming programs
- The Heritage Room will be showcased the week of May 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> along with the Jennings – Sotello family. The Heritage Week Program "Looking Back At Our Past" will feature special guest, local historian and author Marvin Curran on Tuesday, May 19<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 p. m. - 7:30 p. m. Laura Davis will be facilitating the week long program.
- The City budget will be going to Council on June 16<sup>th</sup> for approval. Not much change for the Library as property taxes are slowly rising.
- Staff Changes: Phaedra Miller resigned as she is moving to Monterey; Gabe Diaz started as Library Assistant II in Reference; On May 26<sup>th</sup>, Katie Calametti will start as Library Assistant I in Circulation.
- The Library will be closed Monday, May 25<sup>th</sup> for Memorial Day.
- Summer reading program kicks off on June 15<sup>th</sup>.

Gary informed the General Membership that the Board approved \$43,000 for Library Programs.

5. Membership – Sandra Lucas

- Nothing new to report.

6. Corner Bookstore – Nancy Dixon

- Gross Receipts for April: \$5,178; Internet - \$331; Total Income \$5,509; Expenses - \$4,774; Total Net Income: \$735
- Computed Volunteer Hours: approximately 7,000 a year; 292 full days of volunteer coverage a year
- Saturday, June 13<sup>th</sup> is the next Overstock Sidewalk Sale



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7. Town Square Bookstore – No Report as Maggie Pilotte was absent

8. Programs – Judy Call

- Let us all know that Lela Llorens is featured in the current issue of My Murrieta Magazine! (See page 3 of the minutes for the article and very nice photo of Lela!)
- Outlined the programs for the rest of the year; October's program has been filled with Lorilee Foland who is The Colony Chorus Director thanks to Anne Grim

9. Special Events – Lela Llorens

- The FOML is beginning to plan for the Holiday Parade

Lela thanked everyone who brought refreshments.

10. Publicity - Rita Nastri

- My Neighborhood Magazine has a nice article about Maria Pease
- Working with the Murrieta Patch and the Press Enterprise to get articles and event notices out there
- asked members to forward the eBlasts to our friends to get the word out

11. There was no Old Business

12. There was no New Business

13. No Comments

14. The meeting was adjourned at 10:28 a. m.

After a brief refreshment break, Local Author Maria Pease spoke about her writing.

Respectfully submitted,

FOML Secretary



## The Mindset of Success

Our wonderful neighbor, Lela Llorens, grew up knowing that she could do or be anything she wanted if she was willing to work hard, thanks to her dad. Although she could have looked at her African-American heritage as an obstacle, her upbringing instilled her with confidence and a positive attitude. Additionally, being a part of the Girl Scouts taught her to always “Be Prepared.” Lela learned in her youth to look at each situation with composure and calm, a mindset that has served her well throughout her life.

Lela’s passion for education and desire to keep moving forward have propelled her to receive several degrees including a Bachelor of Science in Occupational Therapy, a Master’s Degree in Vocational Rehabilitation, a Doctorate in Philosophy and a Certificate in Gerontology. *“I chose Occupational Therapy as a career because I thought I would enjoy helping people—children and adults—build or rebuild their lives following illness and/or disability,”* she explains. Lela

worked as an occupational therapist for 18 years helping children and adults with developmental, mental and physical disabilities before becoming an academic faculty member. Over the next several decades she served on the faculty of several universities from Florida to California.

At the time she retired, over 18 years ago, Lela had been serving as the Associate Academic Vice President for Faculty for San Jose State University. With a career that spanned 50 years, Lela took satisfaction that she left every department that she was a part of better than she found it. Upon retirement, Lela and her husband, Joe, decided to move to Southern California where they could be closer to their daughter. They began looking in the Temecula Valley and soon discovered Murrieta where they settled.

Lela became involved with the Friends of the Library right away while she continued as a consultant to the Occupational Therapy Department at the USC. With the passing of her husband she knew it was time to get more involved in

her community. She now serves as the Vice-President of the Friends of the Murrieta Library.

As a widow of nine years, Lela has found the Murrieta Senior Center to be a vital part of her life. *“It has been a great place to meet people and make friends. The openness, acceptance, atmosphere and the activities available are exceptional,”* she emphasizes. Lela participates in an exercise group, a writing group and a book club and says there is something for everyone. She believes this involvement is important in continuing to live a happy and healthy life. Lela also takes great comfort in her spirituality. *“My faith keeps me going when times are tough,”* she shares.

It is such a joy to count amongst our neighbors such an accomplished woman. Though she gives much of her time to volunteering locally, to this day Lela continues to mentor younger colleagues in the field of Occupational Therapy and Education. What a great example of making life worthwhile.