



**Friends of the Murrieta Library General Meeting  
Tuesday May 16, 2023**

**Directors in Attendance: Rita Nastri, W. Dan Rexwinkel, Nancy Dixon, Karen Michaud, Evelyn Dial**

**Also in attendance: Karen Fritschi, Eleanor Newhard, and Melvin Racelis**

- 1. Call to order at 3pm**
- 2. Minutes: A Motion to accept minutes for April meeting was made by Eleanor Newhard and seconded by Nancy Dixon. The motion was approved.**
- 3. Treasurer's report: Dan submitted the financials to the board and he also published the Booknotes.**
- 4. Library update: Ashley Begay in the children's department reported for the library. The 3<sup>rd</sup> annual Earth Day Celebration was a big success. The seed library is filled with seeds for herbs, flowers, and vegetables and California native plants. This was supported by a grant from California. The pollinator garden is progressing with California native plants. The children's expansion is being funded and the architecture is being reviewed. Melvin Racelis has been able to obtain numerous grants for the library since he joined the library staff as manager. Another state park pass has been granted to the library also. The Summer Reading Challenge will begin soon.**
- 5. Membership: Karen Michaud reported membership renewal is open and can be renewed on the website. Karen is also in charge of the volunteers for the Town Square Bookstore. The store is always in need of more volunteers to run the daily operation of the store. Contact Karen if you would like to be a volunteer. We are planning another Overstock sale in August.**

**6. Corner Bookstore updates:** Nancy Dixon reported the sales for the store for the month of April. Over 5,000 books were sold. Net sales were \$2065. Their overstock sale will be June 17<sup>th</sup>. The February overstock sale had record setting sales. The funds from our bookstore sales support the library projects for the children and the adults.

**7. Town Square store updates:** The sales for the month were announced.

**8. Programs:** Karen Fritschi reported that the general meetings will continue every other month. A future meeting will feature local author Karen Robertson. Today's program will be students performing from MSJC music department.

**9. Hospitality:** Thank you to Eleanor Newhard for the refreshments and a special thanks to Starbucks for supplying coffee and treats.

**10. Special Events:**

**11. Old business:** none

**12. New Business:** none

**13. Adjourned at:** 3:47pm

**Respectfully submitted:**  
Evelyn Dial, Secretary