

Friends of the Murrieta Library General Meeting



Tuesday September 17, 2019

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

Absent: W. Dan Rexwinkel and Orelia Moore

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 10:01 AM, welcoming all in attendance and thanking all for coming to enjoy our program. The Friends of the Murrieta Library provide support to the Murrieta Public Library through fund-raising, advocacy and volunteerism. They promote awareness of and support for the Library as it serves the informational, educational, cultural and recreational needs of our Community.
We are a non-profit organization which was founded in 1996, and since that time we have raised over \$1million to support the Murrieta Library. Our primary source of funds is through our two bookstores which are staffed entirely by volunteers.

I could go on and on about the Friends, but I invite you to talk with any of us or pick up a brochure and that will fill you in on the rest.
2. Minutes: A motion was made by Polly Filanc and seconded by Mila Asperin to approve the June 18, 2019 general meeting minutes as reviewed/proofed. The approved minutes will be available on the FOML website: murrietalibraryfriends.org. Ann Hickey, Maggie Pilotte and Mila Asperin will review the September minutes.
3. Treasurer's Report: Carol Carson reported that
 - a) We received some income from Amazon Smile sales.
 - b) Income from memberships was \$ 370.
 - c) The combined Bookstores/internet income for the month of August was \$ 5,943.12 net
 - d) Other current assets as of August 2019 : \$ 281,177.88
4. Library Update: Library Specialist Kathryn Miller
 - a) Thanked the FOML their financial support of the summer reading challenge program for all ages.
 - b) Over 61,000 books checked out during the summer.
 - c) The number of participants completing the challenge was the biggest percentage in years.
 - d) There are four new staff members.
 - e) Dog readers program is doing well as are the two adult reading programs/book clubs.
 - f) STEM days finger ID is a new program.
 - g) Another new program is a coding program, "Coding Dojo". The program is for ages 7 to 17 and will use a Raspberry Pi tiny computer. (These computers can be bought for less than \$ 40).
5. Membership Chair Karen Michaud reported that:
 - e) We have 207 members including 95 life time members.
 - f) Kathryn Elliott has become life time member.
 - g) New members include Susan Firlik and Esteban Sardinha.
 - h) We thank everyone who renewed and welcome our new members.

6. Corner Bookstore: Nancy Dixon reported that
 - a) The total net sales June - August were \$ 8,345. (See attached financial sheets for details)
 - b) The Overstock sale netted \$ 1,129.75 (amount included in 6a).
 - c) There will be an Overstock Sidewalk Sale Sat October 26.
 - d) We are celebrating the 20th Anniversary of the Corner Store.

7. Town Square Bookstore Update: CO- Manager Maggie Pilotte reported:
 - a) The total net sales June - August were \$ 8,335.96
 - b) The net income for August was \$ 2,738.91. (See attached financial sheets for details)

8. Programs: Program Co- Chair Maggie Pilotte stated that author Larry Burns will be October's speaker. The November speaker will be Cati Porter, author of *The Body at a Loss*. December is our Annual Christmas Party hosted by Carol Carson. January's speaker is author Jeri Westerson, a novelist of medieval mysteries.

9. Publicity: Rita reported
 - a) The search for a Publicity Chair continues.
 - b) FOML Flyers were passed out to Grand Isle and Amanda Park
 - c) Information Eblasts go out frequently. Please forward the information to your contacts.
 - d) There will be another meeting with Neighbors newspaper.
 - e) FOML members attended Murrieta Night out. Upcoming meeting speakers were displayed, Bookstores' information was given out and memberships were solicited.
 - f) Along with Karen and Bernadette, Rita will attend the Colony's Activities Fair on September 19th. The FOML booth will have displays similar to Murrieta Night Out.

10. Hospitality: Polly Filanc reported:
 - a) FOML members were thanked for their delicious goodies.
 - b) Members were asked to sign-up for October's general meeting.
 - c) Rita thanked Karen, Bernadette, Polly and Pat for set up and clean up.

11. Special Events:
 - a) A Chair is required to take over the Field of Honor. The Rotary Club's Field of Honor information will be available at our October meeting. FOML receives \$ 10 for each flag we sell.
 - b) We need volunteers to hand out FOML information and gifts for the children during Friends of Libraries Week October 21 to 26. A sign-up sheet was passed around.
 - c) A Chair is needed for a fundraiser restaurant day October Oct 22. The Mill very generously opened their restaurant for us again.

12. Old Business:
 - a) Rita reported that we received a letter of resignation in late June from Board Director Tim De Chene. The Board accepted this with regret at our September Board Meeting and at that time appointed Orelia Moore to fill his spot until our Annual General Meeting in January 2020 at which time Orelia may submit her name for the Director position along with other potential nominations.
 - b) Orelia could not attend today, but the Board thanked her for stepping up to filling this temporary position.

13. New Business:

- a) The FOML General meeting in October will be held on the 2nd Tuesday, October 8th at the usual time, 10 AM.

14. Comments: Judy Call mentioned there is a special Friends' rate for "Tchaikovsky and Ballet", September 28, at 7:30 PM. at Murrieta Mesa High School's Gershwin Performing Arts Center.

The General Meeting was adjourned at 10:52 AM.

Refreshments followed. Maggie then introduced writer/comedian Byron Walls. He educated, using humor, the FOML on issues such as street crimes, home protection, car safety, fighting tactics, and the pros and cons of weapons.

Respectfully Submitted,



Pat Farmer
Recording Secretary