

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY MINUTES – Tues., APRIL 9, 2019

Present: Eleanor Breite, President; Pat FitzPatrick, Secretary; Gail Davison, Treasurer; Margaret Abdivola, Member at Large; Adam Elsholz, Assistant Library Director; Stacy Lein, liaison; Shawnte Santos, Leo Gomez, Martin Pinol, library staff; John Baker, Kristy Camacho, Loretta Wildermuth, Lynn Boldenweck, Jeanette Acosta, Ruth DeNardi, Sheila Musselman and Michael Barreiro, members.

The meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm by Secretary Pat FitzPatrick.

Minutes – Last meeting minutes were posted to website – if no corrections or additions were submitted, minutes are approved as filed.

1. Treasurer's Report by Gail Davison: Checking account beginning balance was \$11,519.01 and ending balance is \$11,795.41. Savings account beginning balance was \$26,408.96 and ending balance is \$26,913.28.
2. Library Director's Report given by Adam Elsholz: This is National Library Week and as part of the festivities, City Council will be presenting a proclamation to the library tomorrow night. Pat FitzPatrick will be accepting it.
On May 18 there will be a regional networking for library support groups forum at the Redwood Shores Library. The featured speaker will be Senator Jerry Hill.
SmithGroup will be at the May 28 Library Board of Trustees meeting. Everyone is invited.
3. Sheila Musselman explained the Trolley Rides being offered to nonprofits by Cypress Lawn Cemetery and passed around a sign-up sheet for those who were interested. Pat FitzPatrick will contact everyone when a date is set.
4. President's Update: A recap of previous items was done when Eleanor Breite came in. She then spoke about the wonderful job being done by Joanne Gordon as the FOL Membership Coordinator. Joanne was then appointed as the third Member-at-Large. There have been favorable responses to the reorganization of the lobby books.
5. Leo and Marty presented a recap of how funds from FOL help with the community outreach being done by the Children's Department.
Five preschools are visited each month reaching 116 students.
Four special events were held for K-5 classes in February reaching 1586 students.
C.G. Watson, Spanish teacher and book author for young adults, was brought to Parkway Heights Middle School and did three sessions on how to make a story using emojis.
The New York Times best-selling author, Kazu Kibuishi, came to Martin Elementary to officially kickoff the library's pilot program for the Student Success Initiative. This is a Statewide initiative to maximize library access for students by ensuring each and every student possesses a library card.
In February, there were many author visits and workshops throughout the PLS Libraries that focused on celebrating the importance of comics, both as an art form and valid literature.

The Young Adult Novelist Con included panel discussions and book signings with at least twenty award winning authors. 100 students wrote stories.

6. Library Requests presented by Stacy Lein were approved.

Children's Summer Learning - \$1000

Makerspace/Craft supplies - \$300

Spanish book club - \$300

Adult reading prizes - \$60

Eleanor reiterated that a large part of the Friends funds is used to promote Library Programs and that funding requests should be made through the library liaison at the quarterly meetings. If there is immediate need, a quorum of the officers and members-at-large will make a decision. The Library Director may also make and/or direct funding requests which include using the Friends 503(c) number for grants.

The usual transfer of \$500 to Savings for New Library will be done.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:38 pm.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, July 9, 2019 @ 6 PM Main Library Auditorium

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