

FOL July 12, 2022 minutes

President Eleanor Breite called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

The South San Francisco Friends of the Library (further referred to as SSF FOL) held their Quarterly Meeting on July 12, 2022. This was the first meeting held in two+ years due to issues of COVID. The meeting was held at SSF Main Library in the Maker Space.

Officers Present: Eleanor Breite, President and Gail Davison, Treasurer. Pat FitzPatrick, Secretary, was excused. Member at Large - Margaret Abdilova was present and Member at Large - Jean Graham was excused. Library Staff present were Valerie Sommer (Library Director), Stacy Lein, Brittany Austin and Martin Pinol. There were 12 Members of the Friends of the Library also in attendance.

#### TREASURER REPORT:

Treasurer Gail Davison reported as of 6/30/22 account balances were:

Checking -- \$149,475.63 and Savings -- \$29,450.42.

The monies Received For Book Sales:

Lobby Sales - April 2022 - \$425

May 2022 - \$591

June 2022 - \$512

Spring Book Sale -- April 7-10, 2022 -- \$1175

Membership Dues Received - April 2022 - June 2022 --\$450

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT:

Membership Chair Joanne Gordon reported there are 51 paid members of SSF FOL as of 6/30/22.

#### BOOK DONATION REPORT:

Member At Large - Margaret Abdilova discussed book donations received by SSF FOL. There are some Vintage Book donations requiring further research to determine their value. Additional volunteer help is needed for this task.

Library Volunteer - Becky Bayardo has been sorting donations of CDs, DVDs and books donated from the public. Becky keeps the Library Lobby stocked on a regular basis. This is an intensive job and Becky requests more volunteer help.

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**PRESIDENT'S UPDATE:**

President Eleanor Breite discussed a major donation received by SSF FOL in the amount of \$1.5 million bequest from the Estate of William D. (Bill) Kokezas. Bill passed away May 20, 2020. Probate on his Estate was closed June 2, 2021. Funds were wired to SSF FOL shortly thereafter.

The South San Francisco FOL Board voted to donate \$1 Million to the City of South San Francisco to support the New Main Library Community Center Project. The remaining \$500,000 has been set up in an investment account with a Long-Term Balanced Growth and Income. Funds will be made available to benefit programs of the South San Francisco Public Library in future years. An Additional \$125,000 was received in November 2021 and will also be made available to benefit programs of the South San Francisco Public Library.

**SEMI-ANNUAL BOOK SALES Sponsored by SSF FOL:**

In the past years, SSF FOL sponsored two major book sales each year. These were always held in the Main Library Auditorium. Due to COVID issues these book sales have been in abeyance.

The first book sale we held after the Library was again open to the Public was held April 7-10, 2022 in the Main Library Maker Space area. Due to lack of volunteers, this sale was done as Buy A Bag for \$5 and fill it with books of your choice. Until we once again have enough volunteers to help with pricing books at various prices, we will be continuing the Buy A Bag for \$5. We do need Volunteer Help!

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Library Director, Valerie Sommer, asked Eleanor to explain the background on SSF FOL savings account in the amount of \$29,450.42 as well as what plans SSF FOL has for these monies. Eleanor explained this was a fund started several years ago by SSF FOL to be held for the day South San Francisco would finally have a new Library. That day has now arrived. Those funds will be used by SSF Library at the new Library to refresh the library collection, etc.

The SSF FOL will be issuing a check to the Attention of Library Director, Valerie Sommer, for this purpose.

**FUNDS Given to Library Programs from SSF FOL on a Quarterly Basis - How is this money used?**

Eleanor introduced Martin Pinol and Brittany Austin to explain how Library Programs utilize the Funds Received from The SSF FOL on a quarterly basis.

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Brittany Austin spoke about the Adult Services. Although the pandemic impacted operations beginning in March 2020, the Adult Services Team continued to provide Library services and collections to the Community and developed innovative ways to connect with our patrons. Since March of 2020, Adult Services Libraries coordinated a total of 294 total programs (virtual and on-site) which brought in 2550 plus attendees. We are beginning to bring back a small number of in-person events including Computer Basics Classes and Adult Crafternoon with supplies funded by the FOL. Since April 2022, Staff have hosted 16 programs in person at the Main Library. The Asian Art Museum continues to provide their popular docent led events via Zoom - also funded by SSF FOL. The session on The Silk Road was the highest attended event with 49 total attendees. Overall, this program series brings in an average of 16 persons per program. We are looking forward to another amazing year of Library Service in South San Francisco and say a Big Thank You to the Friends of the Library!

Martin Pinol spoke about Youth Services. Chloe Chou, a High School Freshman, was awarded SSF Youth Poet in Residence in April 2022. Chloe serves on her school's Site Council. Her poetry has won numerous awards from Scholastic and other organizations and is mainly inspired with Social Justice and Diversity. Chloe presented at the Youth Art Show and AAPI Heritage Picnic and will present at the Youth Commission Open House in August. Early next year, the Library will publish her writings. SSF FOL donated \$500 to be awarded to Chloe Chou for her fine works.

In May, SSF Youth Librarians distributed over 3,495 books to Students. These Staff members visited every elementary school in SSF USD; various preschools and Parkside Heights Middle School to promote the Summer Learning Challenge (SLC). SLC Programs funded by SSF FOL included Puppet Art Theater; The Walt Disney Family Museum; NorCal Bats and Beetle Lady as well as in person, Staff led programs like SLIME which had 85 Attendees.

**LIBRARY REQUESTS** - Requests made on behalf of Library Programs by Stacy Lein - SSF Librarian and Liaison to SSF FOL.

- \$200 Adult Crafternoon Supplies

- \$200 Adult Programs Hispanic Heritage Month

- \$210 San Mateo County Reads Book Giveaways

- \$450 Storytime Craft Kids

These requests were approved.

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NEXT QUARTERLY MEETING OF SSF FOL:  
Tuesday - October 11, 2022 - 6:00 PM  
SSF Main Library Maker Space

The Meeting was adjourned at 7:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Eleanor Breite and Margaret Abdilova for Pat FitzPatrick, Secretary

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