

FRIENDS OF THE YOLO BRANCH LIBRARY OF YOLO

MINUTES – APRIL 4, 2017

Call to Order/Roll Call:

The meeting was called to order at 6:17pm by Meg Sheldon. Members of the Board present: Meg Sheldon, Lynnel Pollock, Sue Alves, Bill Hatcher, Priscilla Bolinder, Yolanda Gruwell, and Bonnie Weiss.

Also present were: Sharon Hallberg (representing the Yolo County Library Advisory Board), Yolo County Library staff— Chris Crist, Shuqin Jiao, and Sue Billing.

Special guests were: Doug Davis and Rick Hernandez.

Approval of Minutes:

The March 7, 2017, Minutes were approved as presented. Motioned by Yolanda Gruwell; seconded by Lynnel Pollock; approved and carried.

The February 7, 2017, Minutes were approved, with a Motion by Priscilla Bolinder, a second by Bonnie Weiss, and approved and carried. If anyone finds any future changes, please contact Rosie Ledesma.

Correspondence/Announcements:

A flyer was presented regarding “Community Conversations” (meetings for input for planning improvements to the Yolo County Library for the next 20 years) and Meg spoke a little about this process. It is a very good process, and if possible, anyone who can should try to attend one of the meetings.

Meg also informed the group that we had received a note from Patty Wong, and it had her current contact information. Meg will get it out to everyone via e-mail.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

Priscilla Bolinder distributed the March 2017 Income and Expense Statement, showing a balance of \$14,600.73 in the checking account. She also stated that we had received our first donation of \$100 for the Building Fund. And asked for approval to pay the \$62/year for the Post Office box rental. The Treasurer’s report and request were Motioned for approval by Bonnie Weiss, with a second by Yolanda Gruwell, was approved and carried.

Lynnel Pollock informed the group that Rosie Ledesma had recently offered to pay for Library memberships for Yolo fire fighters and their families, in honor of the memory of her father and his lifelong affiliation with the group. 11 persons signed up for the Library memberships, and we have contact information for them also. THANK YOU, Rosie!

Yolanda Gruwell spoke about Gift of Membership ideas, such as making a cute CERTIFICATE for each new member (for kids-FOREVER GIFT OF READING; for grandparents-A LIBRARY DATE WITH A CHILD/GRANDCHILD; for mom or dad-A SPECIAL MONTHLY DATE NIGHT AT THE LIBRARY; adult children to parents-THANKS FOR READING TO US WHEN WE WERE YOUNG). Also for kids, when a membership is given to them, they get their name on a 5x7 card and it is stored at the library and every time they come in, they can post it on a SPECIAL VISITORS AT THE LIBRARY

TODAY corkboard, and/or get the date stamped on the back, and if they visit the library once every month of the year, they would get a free book then.

New Business:

- Meg Sheldon stated that there were 4 attendees at the March 25th Community Information meeting; even though attendance was low, those attending seemed very interested and engaged the Library's future.
- A discussion was held about the Spring Celebration to be held on April 14th, and Meg Sheldon showed us the small ¼ sheet flyers. If you still would like to donate candy and/or baskets, please get them delivered by Friday. Volunteers were requested and Sue Alves said she would be available to help. Bonnie Weiss volunteered to get the necessary change needed; and it was decided that we would again sell tickets/not take cash, except at ticket purchase area. We also need baked goods to sell that anyone could make and deliver. Meg Sheldon requested a budget approval for approximately \$100 to cover the cost of the 8 flats of eggs and water we will sell. A Motion was made by Sue Alves, with a Second by Bonnie Weiss...this Motion was approved and carried.
- Meg Sheldon then requested that we take the Agenda out of order and get reports on the building update.

Building Planning Updates:

- Per Doug Davis, the owners of the adjacent property have given permission for the EIR to include their property.
- The EIR Contract information is to go to the Board of Supervisors on 4/25/17 – and then, after approval, could take a realistic 8-10 months for completion.
- Per Chris Crist, the County will be issuing Bonds in July for various items, but our library building process will NOT be a part of these Bonds; but the County has assured her/staff that they will indeed find the monies through other sources, so our process WILL go forward.
- The Features/Collections aspect of the new building now need to re-group and re-configure, with the possible additional 1,000 square footage.
- Doug wanted input again on our building suggestions/options, based on the eventual purchase of the extra lot and expanded square footage available for the building site.
- Doug Davis gave out 2 handouts---a Program Comparison, and information from the Library Focus Group (dated 9/30/15).
- A "brainstorming session" was then held regarding available services/future needs/etc. that could be provided in additional space.
- Doug Davis will revise his drawings/information for our next meeting.
- Temporary facility: Chris Crist informed us that the County is still working on acquiring a temporary building---they are negotiating pricing now....with an expected June, 2017, install date.

Big Day of Giving Update:

- Meg Sheldon handed out flyers for this event, to be held on May 4, 2017. These will be sent out via mail also, and a letter will also go out.
- Yolanda Gruwell volunteered to handle the mail process, and Meg will see that she gets all the supplies by April 21st.

- Volunteers are needed at the Library from 10-12 and 1-5:30 that day, to help any visitors who would like help with the donation process.

2017 Car Show Update:

Meg Sheldon stated that this is going very well, with a good group of volunteers, and more information will be given out in the future.

Community Rummage Sale/Craft Sale Update:

- Meg Sheldon handed out an information sheet regarding this event, with a date change to 6/17/17.
- It was suggested that we have a \$10 fee for any neighborhood house or garage that wishes to participate....we will handle the publicity for them, and make a walking map for buyers that day, as part of this fee.
- The Library is asking for donations to sell also on the Library site, with all proceeds going directly to the Library Friends fund. We do not feel that selling adult clothing this year is good idea; maybe in the future.
- At this year's event, we are asking only the Friends and their "friends" and family to provide donations for the actual Library sale.
- The new proposed date is June 17th, 2017.
- Meg Sheldon feels we could possibly clear \$400 from this event, as well as give us a basis for information on a similar event in the future.
- Meg Sheldon asked for a Motion to approved necessary set-up costs and mailing expenses. Lynnel Pollock so moved, with a Second by Priscilla Bolinder and the Motion was approved and carried.

Grants Committee Update:

- Sharon Hallberg said everyone needs to contact their legislature and show support for libraries, as the current President wants to cut funding in this area – there is a flyer available with the information you may need to make this contact.
- The Grants Committee will only pursue grants that fit particularly well with our mission and offer an opportunity to work with a community funder. They will not actively pursue other Grants at this time, as we feel it may be too soon, with the building process continuing.

Yolo Branch Library/Teen Reports:

- Sue Billing handed out the April 4, 2017, report.
- Sue stated that we are also doing an outreach with Cache Creek parents one morning a week, with much success.
- Sue gave each attendee a Library BINGO card, to be turned in when you complete a row sometime before May 1st. You will get a surprise, and will have completed a lot of good activities for yourself and others.
- The STAR PARTY will be held on Friday night, May 19th, 2017, starting at 8:30pm. She asked for volunteers to help with crowd control, as rowdy young people seem to respond better to a strong male presence....Rick Hernandez volunteered and said he would talk to Jose Gonzales also. Sue asked Lynnel Pollock to see if the Fire Dept. could turn OFF the street light that afternoon, and turn it back ON later.
- There will be a World War I activity on May 20th – more information to come.

- A flyer was given out about Dia De Los Ninos on April 15th.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17pm.