

Friends of the Yolo Branch Library of Yolo

APPROVED MINUTES

March 1, 2016

Meeting called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Meg Sheldon. Roll taken.

Members Present: Norma Plocher, Priscilla Bolinder, Yolanda Gruwell, Jim Adan, Bonnie Weiss, Meg Sheldon, Lynnel Pollock, Bill Hatcher, Joe Cruz

Patty Wong - County Librarian, Sharon Hallberg - Yolo County Advisory Committee Representative, Sue Billing - Library Staff, Rachel Hudson - Yolo County Library, Lisa Sanchez - Staff at Continuation High School and Doug Davis - WMB Architects

Agenda Update - will not work on logo development and Sharon asked to delay grants until a future meeting.

Minutes - Yolanda motioned to accept minutes as corrected. Bonnie seconded

Treasurer's Report -

Bank Balance as of 02/02/2016	\$10,195.21
Income	\$ -0-
Expenses	\$ -0-
Bank Balance as of 03/01/2016	\$10,195.21

Correspondence and Announcements - Lynnel Pollock presented the Yolo County Historical Society's newsletter which mentioned the Yolo Library and our project. Welcomed Lisa Sanchez who presented information about the Spring Celebration on March 25, 2016.

OLD BUSINESS:

Car Show - presented by Meg. Committee formed to explore this possibility.

Meg compiled all the legal documents forming our organization. The originals will be put in the County Library safe. Each officer received a binder with these copies. The idea is to pass this along.

Meg presented The Atlantic which featured a picture of the Yolo Library in an article.

Spring Celebration: Yolanda Gruwell is chair for this event. Cookies are committed. Water and fresh eggs to Lisa Sanchez at high school. Lisa Sanchez reported that we currently have 76 baskets and she has commitments from people so we should have 100 baskets. Plastic eggs, filler and candy etc is now collected. Lisa will submit a flyer to Meg for approval. Recommendation to provide information on the additional day the Yolo Library is open. Books for give away collected. Egg hunt will be 1:30 to 3 p.m. Norma Plocher motioned that the Friends of the Yolo Library pay for eggs and water - Sharon Hallberg seconded - motion passed.

Doug -

Doug reported on his meeting with Patty and various County agencies, including Planning, Public Works, Environmental Health and the Building Official. Planning representatives were very enthusiastic to help the project, reported that property setbacks would not be a hindrance based on property's zoning. PPW is willing to consider alternatives to on-site parking.

Environmental Health raised concerns about the current and future septic systems and suggested additional investigation to determine status of existing system, soil suitability, and capacity required for expanded use. No county records could be found on the existing system.

Ed Short, the Building Official and County Flood Administrator, strongly urged Patty and Doug to get a flood survey (no Base Flood Elevation has been set for the parcel) to determine its impact on the viability of the design options. Retaining the existing building may allow for exemptions to full compliance with current flood plain requirements. Doug is soliciting proposals for the flood survey.

Historical resource – the existing building is both on the National Register and is designated as a local historical resource. Any changes to the building (renovation, addition, demolition, etc.) would require a hearing in front of the Planning Commission. Also, if the selected project strategy includes retaining the existing building, all restorative and additive work will be reviewed by SHPO (State Historic Preservation Officer). SHPO would also review any application to remove the building from the National Register. Removal would allow for demolition, relocation, or greater flexibility in altering and adding onto the existing building. Doug is working with Terry Vernon at the County on the potential costs for rehabilitating the existing structure.

Doug expressed his opinion that it is premature to go to the community at-large until we resolve some of these regulatory issues.

Doug reported on his meeting with County Library Staff to review specific areas of the program developed by Penny Hummel, namely staff support spaces and the assumptions made about the make-up of the collection. The staff support requirements have been refined and incorporated into the floor plan options. Staff confirmed the collection assumptions.

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Update on Three Plans - Doug Davis:

Plan A - current site - expand to southeast - more available space for parking. Community Room opens to Covered Outdoor Activity - shared with entry. Discussion followed. Expand to west for building. Discussion followed. Primary septic identified and a replacement area identified. Community Room capacity 50 theater style. Twenty-25 classroom style. Community Room could be enlarged. Meg made the note to enlarge community room in this plan. 2500 sq ft total space.

Plan C/B - tear down plan. Main entrance facing Sacramento Street, entry into entry - library to the west and community room to the east of front door. Direct outside access to community room. Covered outdoor activity area on east side with more outdoor activity area on the northeast corner. Septic on west side of building - both primary and replacement area. Community room 26' x 29 ft. Total 2800 sq ft.

Plan D - similar plan to C/B just configured as 'L' shape. Covered outdoor activity on south side. Community Room to east of entry/library to west of entry. Potentially more covered outdoor activity space. Library can be closed off to Community Room and restrooms. Total - 2750 sq ft.

Doug discussed current architecture and mass scale architecture - presented slide show. Confident that we can replicate current architectural details - corbels, windows, trims etc. Meg will have files with the models to review on our computers.

Celebration of New Hours - Patty presented the kick off. Yolanda asked for information in English/ Spanish to post in Post Office windows. Sue shared the plan. Small Celebration on Saturday, March 19 with a story time and activities followed by movie Good Dinosaur starts at 3 p.m. Noon to 5 p.m.

Dia de Los Ninos April 16. Trying to get Dunnigan and Zamora to participate. This celebration to be discussed at April meeting. Need flyers and posters along with hand outs.

Patty reported that a new bulletin board will require a permit --- encouraged to lump in with new building.

Sue Billing - presented report on library activity and teen program. See handouts.

Guest speaker - Yolo Conflict Group presenting in April.

Need chess set and Jenga

Tutors needed for math and english at library.

Sue presented budget through 2016 - calendar year. Davis Friends paying for movie licensing. Davis Friends will provide support for teen group. Will be discussed at April meeting - put in with Treasurer's Report.

NEW BUSINESS:

By-Laws Revision - Meg reported. Review before next Annual Meeting. Lynnel Pollock will head this group.

Meeting adjourned 8 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Norma Plocher