

**Friends of the Yolo Branch Library of Yolo**

**MINUTES - APPROVED**

**November 3, 2015 Meeting**

The meeting was called to order by Meg Sheldon at 6:15pm and roll was taken.

Attendees: Yolanda Gruwell, Priscilla Bolinder, Meg Sheldon, Bonnie Weiss, Bill Hatcher, and T. Goddard.

Staff Present: Patty Wong, Yolo County Library

Sue Billing, Librarian

Others Present: Sharon Hallberg, Library Advisory Board Liaison

Doug Davis, WMB Architects

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

- Minutes of October 6, 2015, Meeting were approved, as well as the October 6, 2015, Building Planning Notes prepared by Doug Davis. Approval Motion made by Priscilla Bolinder, and Seconded by Bonnie Weiss. Both Minutes approved unanimously.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- Current balance is \$9,128.14; same as last month, with no activity since last month.
- Priscilla stated that we had 1 additional membership renewal.

CORRESPONDENCE AND ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- Meg Sheldon handed out a new Key Contacts list, as of October 2015, updated 11/3/2015.
- A handout was given of the latest Survey results.
- Sharon Hallberg reported that the All Friends reception had a "fair" turnout and everyone seemed to like our poster set-up.

- Patty Wong reported that an additional library position has been added. Duane Chamberlain has been very supportive in this area.
  
- Sue Billings reported that they have received 600 children's books, for future give-aways.
  
- Yolanda Gruwell reported that Sue Alves has given a large number of children's Spanish books to her, which she has taken to the Camper's Inn General Store/RV park book area, for children/parents who live in that park and others who frequent the store. They have been VERY appreciative of us and the books they have received.
  
- Meg Shelden presented information about the Read To Succeed program and its success - the bottom line in this program is that children need to read early and often; parents reading to/with them helps tremendously.
  
- Sharon Hallberg presented information about the West Sacramento Workshop - Talk/Read/Sing and how important this is also ... dovetails in with Read To Succeed program.
  
- Patty Wong talked about children's literacy and how an average child needs to know "30 MILLION words by age 3 years". Very important for future life success.
  
- A handout was given (from The Annie E. Casey Foundation) regarding the 2015 Kids Count Profile for California children.
  
- It was stated that Norma Plocher (not in attendance) has told Meg that she would like to donate another picnic table to our library outside area --- she is very excited about what she sees there when she comes to town.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Building Planning - Doug Davis:
  - o Doug met with young people and teens and gave us input notes.
  
  - o Josh and Jonathan volunteered as teen representatives to the Community Advisory Committee, and a teen girl may also join.

- o Students had brain-stormed building a treehouse, as a thinking exercise and he showed us the results.
  
- o In November, he and others will be fine-tuning the collection information and other needed programs and space flexibility - with the draft hopefully available before Thanksgiving.
  
- o The December 5<sup>th</sup> Community Forum meeting has now been changed to start at 10:30am, and the program will be presented at that time. A new Project Schedule was handed out - be sure to change the time on the 12/5 meeting shown on the schedule.
  
- o Patty Wong suggested possibly using "satellite" locations for future input, as well as actual meetings.
  
- o Doug told us that the next Monday night will be the first Advisory Meeting, and he gave us a listing showing the current information on all participants.
  
- o Doug also handed out a Program Elements sheet (non-collection information nor staff information) - only public area information. The Yolo Friends members are to each look at this and think about what priority they would give each item, and make any comments they wish and get their input back to Meg (in any format they wish) no later than noon this Friday.
  
- o Patty Wong said that when she met with the State Librarian, he was VERY POSITIVE toward our endeavor, and even gave us some Handicap access ideas.
  
- o Patty Wong also stated that people are now working on the Collection vision and told us that if space needs were a problem, there are off-site books available to be moved as needed; this might also affect changes in the Collection in future years.
  
- Alternative sites were discussed in general, as a way of narrowing down our choice - which seems to remain as this current location.
  
- Expanded Hours ---
- Logo Development ---
- Bulletin Board ---
- Grants Committee Report ---

--- These 4 items were not discussed tonight due to time constraints ... will be on a future Agenda.

- Teen Report:

A handout was given of the latest activity. We have 2 new female members. The Teens want to work on a Community Service project in the future.

- Librarian's Report:

- o There are some younger boys not as involved as others; but they have now come back with a low-rider program they would like to be a part of.
  
- o The STAR PARTY was a huge success, with over 75 people attending.
  
- o In December, Sue Billing hopes to have a Gingerbread House event, and Yolanda Gruwell has volunteered to supply decorations for the graham-cracker houses.

NEW BUSINESS:

- None at this time.

The next meeting will be held on December 1, 2015, at 6:15pm at the Library. The Conflict of Interest information is to be included on this Agenda.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50pm

Submitted by: Yolanda Sue Gruwell, as alternate for Norma Plocher