

**MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2012, BOARD MEETING
FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY**

ATTENDANCE: Present: Lacey Bartich, Helen Bierce, Janie Brown, Janet Caccia, Larry Costick, Ruth Miller, Gail Smyth, Elaine Sommer, Susan Staggs, Sandy Sullivan, Bonnie Toy and Laura Einstadter. Absent: Kati Corsaut, Sarah Hart, Terri Works

Sandy Sullivan called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m. There were no guests. A quorum was declared and the minutes of the August 21, 2012, board meeting were approved. There was no correspondence.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

We have \$18,467 in Checking, \$8,114.27 in Savings, and \$71.70 in Petty Cash. There is \$17,503.44 in Available Funds 2012. Laura will investigate costs to purchase a computer for the library. The board decided we should have a standing box in the newsletter and on the website to report on items purchased for the library. We should also state that the public is welcome to attend board meetings and our financial statements are available for review by any interested member. Janie and Bonnie will draft wording for board review.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

WiFi is now available in all branches and this has been publicized. The library has scheduled a "Technical Petting Zoo" on learning how to use various e-readers on October 13 and two classes on Computer Basics on October 20. These items are on the library website calendar. Laura and Connie are manning a table for the Jackson Rancheria Health Fair on October 3rd.

NEW BUSINESS:

Member Recruitment – Terri Works has helped put together a phone committee to make phone calls for the book sale and a poster committee to distribute posters.

Librarian Appreciation Event - This event will be held on Sunday, November 11, 2012, 2 – 4 p.m. at the Sutter Creek Community Center. FACL membership, library staff and library volunteers will be invited. The board approved a budget of \$300 for this event.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Farmers Market – No report.

Membership – We have 341 paid members, including 2 new members.

Book Sale – Some posters were distributed. Janet Caccia took names of board volunteers for cashier duty.

Website – A new front page is up to publicize events, news, or articles. The site meter has been added and Bonnie will give us a monthly stat report. Louise has developed a prototype page for annual automatic renewals with PayPal as the processor. This requires that the payer has a PayPal account. The board approved trying online auto renewals for a period. This new service should be announced on the website and in our November newsletter.

Bonnie pointed out that we are \$209 over budget on website expenses for this year and suggested we increase the budget next year if we want to retain the same level of service.

Newsletter - No report.

Publicity – Elaine is placing 3 book sale ads in the Ledger. We will also advertise the book sale in Ledger Community Briefs and in Buy & Sell.

Fundraising – Susan reviewed the Fundraising Committee recommendations to approve an Adopt-A-Book program and an annual fundraising solicitation letter. Bonnie Toy and Laura Einstadter will meet off-line to discuss accounting for Adopt-A-Book donations. A vote on the committee recommendations was postponed..

Boots ‘n Books – The committee meets later today to approve the news release, the poster, the ticket design, etc. Tickets will be sold at Friday night book sale and will be given to board members to sell at our October board meeting. Susan reported on the stage backdrop and the board voted to proceed with an 8’ x 18’ canvas of rolling Amador County scenery designed by Rand Huggett and hand-painted by art students at Amador High School. FACL is paying for the supplies, including \$130 for the canvas, and will donate \$250 to the Amador High School Art Department. Kirk Lindsay donated 8 framed prints for the benefit of FACL. Susan tried to sell 4 of them at a swap meet with no success and returned them to Kirk. Four of the wildlife prints will be placed in the silent auction.

The board agreed to NOT hold a board meeting in December. The board holiday party for members and significant others is scheduled for Tuesday, December 18, 4-6 p.m. at the home of Susan Staggs.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, October 16, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. at GSA Building.

Respectfully submitted by:
Susan Staggs, Acting Secretary