

**Friends of the Amador County Library**  
**Minutes – August 21, 2018**

**CALL TO ORDER:** 9:02 AM

**ROLL CALL**

**Present:** JoAnn Chevrette, Jan Hewitt, Patt McHugh, Mary O’Neal, Jim Powell, Michele Powell, Elizabeth Rhein, Rick Sprenkel, Mary Ann Tortorich

**Absent:** Bonnie Toy

**Ex Officio:** Laura Einstadter

**Guest:** Norma Cutter

**QUORUM**

Quorum declared

**WELCOME GUEST**

*M/S/P: Sprenkel/Chevrette/unanimous to invite Norma Cutter to join FACL Board.*

Cutter has accepted.

**APPROVAL OF JUNE 2018 MINUTES**

*M/S/P: Chevrette/M Powell/unanimous to approve minutes.*

**CORRESPONDENCE – Sprenkel**

None.

**TREASURER’S REPORT – J Powell**

Presented.

*M/S/P: Rhein/O’Neal/unanimous to accept report.*

Action: Cutter will shadow J Powell as assistant treasurer.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT – Einstadter**

- California Listens Digital Storytelling program (aka California Listens Project)
  - Very successful; 8 participants
  - Final videos will be shown to the community
- Library has received three grants
  - \$5000 for bilingual children’s materials
  - \$5000 California Initiatives Grant for adult books
  - \$3000 Midwest Tape grant for audiobooks for children and young adults
- 18 applicants for the extra-help part-time staff position approved by Board of Supervisors
  - Potential half-day Saturday hours in Jackson
- Local Authors program at Jackson September 15, 11am – 1pm
  - Action: J Powell will email flyer and information on this program to FACL members
- Einstadter will attend a meeting with Amador Arts, September 20
  - Community Arts Center idea is still in the community survey phase
  - Several locations are being considered
- Amador Student Music Fund
  - Discussion of FACL donating to this fund. 501(c)(3)s can give to each other as long as the donation advances the donor organization’s mission
  - Action: J Powell to email members about donating as individuals
- Budget
  - County approved budget at about the same level as previous year plus the extra-help position

- Link+
  - Library has furnished nearly 6000 items to other libraries, and has received requests from its patrons for nearly 6000 items
  - Most requests we furnished are DVD and video. San Diego sent the greatest number of requests
  - Limit of simultaneous requests has expanded from 5 to 10 per person
  - Transport is by air or truck. Stockton is our hub
- Sacramento Friends has donated a great number of AV materials
- Einstadter will be taking an online Community Needs Assessment course starting in September

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### **Digitization, Phase Two – Sprenkel, J Powell**

- FACL will transition project to Ledger Dispatch
- Discs given to library will go to Ledger for transit to vendor
- Ledger will become the customer of record
- FACL and library's rights remain intact as per the signed letter
  - Action: Sprenkel will move discs from library to Ledger
  - Action: FACL will pay annual maintenance fees until remaining restricted funds are used up

### **Library Centennial**

- Action: Sprenkel will request memo on celebration ideas from Einstadter for October meeting
- Action: Sprenkel will convene a discussion group for brainstorm on ideas

### **Dues – M Powell**

Discussion. Dues pay 2/3 – 3/4 of FACL yearly operating expenses.

*M/S/P Rhein/Chevrette/unanimous: 2018 memberships will last till 4/1/2019; members may renew or join at Fall Book Sale at current rate and get membership through 4/1/20; starting 10/22/2018 (day after Fall Book Sale), dues will increase by \$5.00 at every level except Business and Lifetime*

### **Amador County Poet Laureate – O'Neal**

Poet Laureate has been selected from among nine applicants, some self-nominated. Winner will be announced at Amador Arts gala in mid-September.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

### **Next Big Project - Einstadter**

Discussion of a bookmobile with digital literacy training access and of a community needs assessment to determine demand for this. No action.

### **Amador Community Foundation “Giving Tuesday” Workshop – O'Neal**

- 45 groups participated in Giving Tuesday in 2017
- Websites are giveamador.org and givingtuesday.org
- The event is Tuesday, November 27, 2018
- ACF requested social media “likes” for major GT sponsors such as Safeway and Jackson Rancheria
- Publicize in September
- Community Reinvestment Act
- Tables are \$35 each
- \$5000 is the largest single grant per agency that qualifies for amplification from ACF
- There will be a shuttle between offsite parking areas and the event at the Highway House banquet room

**Ruth Jackson Trust – Einstadter**

Discussion of a potential teen center and new desk at Jackson.

Action: Einstadter will discuss renovation plans and funding allocations with her supervisor

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

**Book Sale – Chevrette**

- Next Book Drive is Saturday, September 8, 10am-2pm
- Book Sale is 10/19-21
- J Powell has placed three ads in Ledger Dispatch
- Discussion of Half Price Books purchasing of remainder books

Action: O’Neal will confirm with Independence High School to provide backup if CYA isn’t available for book transport.

Action: Hewitt will investigate online signup for Book Sale volunteers.

Action: Rhein will contact Folsom Prison re picking up excess mass market paperbacks after Book Drive and Book Sale

**Communications – Hewitt**

Discussion of the need for a newsletter in early October. Potential stories: Giving Tuesday, Book Sale, 2018-19 officers, dues increase

**Membership – M Powell**

Report submitted.

**ADJOURNMENT: 10:45 AM**

**NEXT MEETING**

9 AM, September 18, 2018, GSA Building

Respectfully submitted,  
Elizabeth Rhein,  
Secretary