

**FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
January 21, 2014**

ATTENDANCE: Sandra Sullivan, Elaine Sommer, Lacey Bartich, Janie Brown, Helen Bierce, Terri Works, Kati Corsaut, Bonnie Toy, Gail Smyth, and Laura Eisentadter.

Sandy called the meeting to order at 9:01am. There were two guests, Lynne Norris and Lynn Morgan. Sandra declared a quorum. Katy moved and Janie seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the November 19, 2013 meeting. The Board voted to approve the minutes.

Sandy commented that we had received a letter from Nefetari (Nifty) Bailey who had been looking for her half-sister Shirley Wayne Holland. Holland is listed as member or FACL but we were unable to locate her.

Sandy informed the board that Jim Gullett donated 20 boxes of books to FACL. She announced that the plaque for the donation from Steven Honeychurch was ready.

Janie introduced Lynne Norris who indicated she would like to be on the board.

Elaine introduced Lynn Morgan who is campaigning for Supervisor in District 3 and who had indicated an interest in learning more about FACL and its activities.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bonnie submitted her report for 12/11/13 to 01/10/14, which she had e-mailed to the board, indicating there were no changes. Bonnie also mentioned that the Board needs to be thinking about our projected budget for 2014 as potential changes in activities could impact the budget. We have \$30,000 not yet allocated. Bonnie also wrote a letter to IRS regarding a notice sent to FACL last November indicating FACL had not filed a tax return. Bonnie was able to obtain a copy of the tax return and provided it to the IRS. No other information has been forthcoming from IRS.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Laura reported that she used a portion of the Honeychurch funds to purchase two copies of the World Book, one for the main library and one for the Plymouth library. She also ordered several sets of children's books, adult fiction, adult non-fiction, Magill's Medical Guide, and was awaiting a set of books from Scholastic. She further reported the Little Libraries ("LL") are all in place. A survey of the River Pines LL shows the residents are pleased with it. Two of the LLs have been decorated. The one in Camanche looks like a fire truck.

Laura has ordered 104 books through the Zip-ILL program.

Laura has had no news about the County's budget for the library for the next fiscal period. She could use additional staff. Currently she operates with a skeleton crew making it difficult when a staff member is absent.

The new summer reading program, "Paws to Read," is in the planning stages and will be opened with a dachshund parade and an ice cream truck. The library wants to make the program more fun hoping it will attract more readers to the program.

The library received a donation for Adopt-a-Book in memory of Leslie Martin a long time employee with the County.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lynn Morgan addressed the board telling of her interest in the library. Lynn shared her success story about keeping the IGA store for upcountry residents, who are mostly elderly.

Janie announced that Brad at the Union Pub in Volcano is interested in doing a fundraiser for FACL. Brad also maintains the LL in Volcano. For the fundraiser FACL would do the advertising and use its e-mail list. In exchange FACL would receive a percentage of the profits. The fundraiser would also include a raffle.

Kati suggested that FACL sponsor a series of lectures by authors. This would not be a fundraiser but a subtle way of promoting reading, which is an important aspect of what FACL does. Laura mentioned the California Center for the Book has several kits and a series of programs that might be of interest. Laura also suggested the Road Scholar programs developed by Elderhostel as a source for lecturers.

Sandy said that it is the time of year to put together a Nominating Committee for next year's Board. Sandy is unable to serve as President a second term but indicated she would like to remain on the Board, time permitting. Lacey, Terri, and Janie volunteered to be the Nominating Committee.

Helen indicated that the next book drives would be on February 22 and March 22. She sought volunteers to assist with the drives.

Sandy and the Board gave recognition and thanks to Elaine and Kati for the wonderful work they have done on behalf of FACL.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP – Sandy reported for Ruth that the annual dues letter was sent. Sandy also informed the Board that Ruth will resign but will stay on the Board until June.

BOOK SALE – Helen ordered a second sandwich board for future sales. She also said she adjusted the prices of the audio to books to more fairly reflect their value. Helen brought a copy of the Arrow, a booklet published by the Rancheria, which has a community calendar where we are able to list our events. Terri announced that the next book sale would be held on the first weekend in April. The book sale committee will meet on Wednesday, March 5 at 10 am.

WEBSITE – Bonnie stated she gave the FACL Minutes to Louise to post. Bonne will have Louise add something on the site concerning the payment of annual dues.

NEWSLETTER – Kati will do our spring newsletter but suggested that the Board could consider paying a public relation firm to do the newsletter, possibly finding one that would be willing to do some pro bono work. Kati uses Publisher software to do the newsletter. Discussion ensued about possibly buying the software for whomever takes over Kati’s duties, if we do not use a public relation firm.

FARMER’S MARKET – Discussion was tabled until our March meeting.

PUBLICITY – The Board has no replacement yet for Elaine but Terri volunteered to temporarily handle publicity for the book sales only. Elaine will provide Terri and Sandy with her list of contacts and deadlines

FUNDRAISING –The issue of what types of future fundraising will be considered was tabled for a later meeting.

BOOTS & BOOKS – Ticket sales continue at a good pace. Janie requested volunteers to help set up the tables and to sell raffle tickets the day of the performance.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no discussion of old business.

The Board voted to accept Lynne Norris as a new Board member and Sandy adjourned the meeting at 11:05 A.M.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at 9:00 A.M at the GSA Building.