

**FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
JULY 16, 2013**

ATTENDANCE: Helen Bierce, Lacey Bartich, Janet Caccia, Laura Einstadter, Ruth Miller, Gail Smyth, Elaine Sommer, Sandra Sullivan, Bonnie Toy, and Terri Works.

Sandra Sullivan called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. There were no guests. A quorum was declared. The minutes of the June 18, 2013 meeting were approved. Sandra Sullivan presented a resignation letter from Susan Staggs dated June 18, 2013. There are now eleven board members plus Laura.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bonnie Toy presented the Treasurer's Report for the period from June May 16, 2013 to July 13, 2013.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Laura Einstadter presented a brochure for the Little Libraries in preparation of going into the communities with the program. Federal funding of \$5,000 will be provided through the Library & Services Technology Act. An allocation of 20-30 books will be made for each site. Books can be donated, exchanged, or returned. The initial books will contain labels on how the system works. First Five indicated it would donate children's books. Helen Bierce agreed to contact the management for the Farmers' Markets to see if FACL may post signs at the markets seeking donations to the Little Libraries

Laura has an appointment to visit River Pines. Some thought has been given to placing the Lake Camanche site at the fire station instead of the community center. Laura also made contact with Rollingwood and Volcano. Rollingwood remains an important remote site because of its elderly population and the lack of public transportation. The plan is to get three or four volunteers in each area to be in charge of its Little Library.

The Summer Reading program is coming along but the numbers of sign-ups are way down.

Uncertainty about the timing of the planned renovation of the library continues. This is not a remodel but will include asbestos abatement, a new HVAC system, and restrooms that will comply with ADA requirements.

Discussion ensued about the Ruth Jackson Memorial Desk. FACL will donate \$5,000 but a total of \$15,000 is needed. Laura volunteered to draft a letter to the FACL members seeking contributions for the desk.

NEW BUSINESS:

RESIGNATION OF MEMBERS –

Bonnie Toy suggested that FACL recognize Susan Staggs' outstanding contributions to FACL. Members discussed the types of recognition of any resigning board member including a donation from FACL to the Library in honor of resigned members. Helen Bierce suggested, and Elaine Sommer seconded, a motion to send out letters of appreciation to any resigning member and that an amount of \$100 be donated by FACL to Adopt-a-Book in the name of any resigning Past President.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP – Sandra Sullivan reported for Ruth Miller that we have 298 members and no new members.

BOOK SALE – Lacey Bartich reminded us of the book drive on August 17, 2013 and sought volunteers. Terri Works handed out book drive bookmarks to be distributed by the members. It was suggested that we ask Susan Staggs' to return her for the book storage in Jackson. Elaine suggested that Helen make a list of all persons who have keys including past board members so the board could determine what to do with those keys.

WEBSITE – Members were encouraged to review the content in those areas for which they are responsible and provide any changes, comments or new business to Kati.

NEWSLETTER – There were no updates but new ideas are welcomed.

FARMER'S MARKET – Ten boxes of books are ready for each sale.

PUBLICITY – Elaine Sommer will continue to run ads for the book drive in the Ledger but will not be running any in the Goldmine. An ad will run on August 9. FACL submits twelve ads per year to the Ledger. To date six have been published.

FUNDRAISING – There was no discussion.

BOOTS & BOOKS – Mary O'Neal respectfully declined to manage the Books & Boots fundraiser this year. Discussion followed about possibly paying someone to do this job. Bonnie said she would contact Mary Foster to see if she might be willing to help. Sandy suggested that we discuss this further at the Retreat.

OLD BUSINESS

The annual Retreat was discussed. Ideas were solicited for discussion including a revamped agenda, board recruitment, and diversity. Elaine graciously agreed to host the Retreat at her home and will provide the drinks. Rosalie Escamilla will begin as moderator for the discussion at 10:30 A.M.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:45 A.M.

NEXT MEETING: Annual Retreat, Tuesday, August 20, 2013 from 9:30 A.M. to 3 P.M.
at Elaine's home