

**Minutes of the August 21, 2012 Board Meeting  
Friends of the Amador County Library**

**ATTENDANCE:** Helen Bierce, Janie Brown, Janet Caccia, Kati Coursaut, Larry Costick, Ruth Miller, Gail Smyth, Elaine Sommer, Susan Staggs, Bonnie Toy, Terri Works

The minutes of the July meeting were approved. Kati had one addition to the July minutes: "Coursaut reported that the next newsletter will be out in November. She also asked board members to send her photographs of FACL activities when available.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:**

Laura reported that the conduit for WiFi at the Main library was being installed that morning and that WiFi should be available by the end of the month. WiFi is already up and running in all branch libraries.

The Sarah Hart donation for audio books has been fully spent

The Margaret Crain donation has been half spent

The Amador Gourd Artists will hold a workshop on October 6 from 10-4 at the Ag Center. All proceeds will go to FACL and registration checks will be made out directly to FACL. An email blast will be sent to the membership and the workshop will be featured on the website.

Laura presented an Adopt-A-Book program that is being used by many libraries which will allow patrons to easily donate a book of money. Laura would like this handled through FACL. The program was referred to the Fundraising Committee.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:**

The most recent reports were distributed at the meeting.

Bonnie is working to make her reports easier to understand. Dates of reports will run close to the dates of board meetings. She walked the board through the most recent version; more changes are to come. Her goal is to reduce time spent at meetings answering questions, because the reports will be clearer for everyone.

### **CAR DONATIONS PROGRAM:**

Susan is suggesting that FACL not pursue a car donation program. After considerable research she has determined that such programs do not work well in rural areas. The Board thanked Susan for the work she put into this issue.

### **FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE:**

Committee members are Susan Staggs, Gayle Smith and Larry Trottier. They are considering an annual giving letter and will look at the Adopt-A-Book program that Laura has proposed.

### **BOOTS & BOOKS**

Susan has recruited some new committee members and the committee will begin meeting in September. The poster has been designed and the Rancheria has given a grant of \$500 to help underwrite the concert.

Janie will pursue the matter of the backdrop with a High school art teacher.

### **JOB DESCRIPTIONS**

Terri has now received almost all the job descriptions and hopes to have them reformatted for presentation at the next board meeting.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Discussion of the Farmer's Market program was put off until Sarah is present.

Membership -total current membership is 341

Larry will order a rubber stamp that can be used to add the FACL website address to membership brochures

Booksale - Helen purchased a fan for the book storage room and the board voted to reimburse her. The county repaired the air conditioning there as well.

Website - Bonnie has done another cleanup of the site. She made the following proposal for the website, which was approved by the board:

- add a site meter to count the number of visitors
- add an automatically renewal of membership feature
- add a "front page" to the website which would be refreshed with new pictures and news on an ongoing basis

Kati agreed to be responsible for checking the website for currency - Board members are urged to let her know of any information that needs updating (i.e. the recent name change for Bank of Amador)

Newsletter: Kati wants more pictures of Library events for the newsletter and website

Publicity: We had three ads left at the Ledger and will use them for the Booksale. The Booksale committee will now be responsible for the publicity for that event, like the Boots & Books committee is

## **E-RATE**

The eRate is a federal program that provides subsidies for voice and data lines to qualified institutions including libraries. The program involved a substantial amount of paper work. Ruth Miller has worked on the eRate issue for the Amador library for four years - this is the money that made WiFi available at the libraries. The Board of Supervisors expressed an interest in this money and Ruth has worked convincing Supervisor John Plasse that this money needs to be preserved specifically for the library.

The Board thanked Ruth for all the work she has done with Laura in procuring and protecting eRate funds.

The meeting was adjourned.