

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

ATTENDANCE: Sandy Sullivan, Janie Brown, Michele Powell, Jim Powell, Rick Sprenkel, Gail Smyth, Kate McClure, and Laura Eisentadter.

Sandy called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. and declared a quorum. The minutes for September were read. Michele moved to accept the minutes. Jim seconded the motion. The motion carried. There were no guests.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bonnie was not in attendance but she had provided her report for 09/12/14 through 10/07/14 via email to the board members. There were no questions regarding the report. Sandy reported that Bonnie clarified with Amazon Smiles that we could only publish our relationship electronically. Bonnie has the contracts. Rick moved and Janie seconded membership in the Amazon Smile Program. The motion carried.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Laura reported that all the pods are working that the library has been able to put all the information in the pods except for children's DVDs, the non-fiction DVDs, and large multi-part DVDs. She further reported that the River Pines Little Library was such a success the residents want to install another one that will house books for children. She requested \$300 from FACL to fund this Little Library. Janie moved and Jim seconded a motion to provide \$300 for Little Library that will house the books.

Laura shared her call from the State Chair for the Summer Reading Program. Raley's NickelAid Award in the amount of \$735.30 will be given to Amador County for the 2015 Summer Reading Program. The money is restricted and Laura anticipates she will be getting a paid performer and will be able to provide reading incentives to the children. The theme for the 2015 Summer Reading Program is Music

NEW BUSINESS:

Michele reported that she and Elizabeth had a promising site for the suggested pop-up bookstore but at the last minute the landlord cancelled his offer because he obtained a tenant for the space. No pop-up bookstore will be considered for this holiday season and the board will consider the proposal later in 2015. Helen said she would need 2 to 3 months notice prior to a popup bookstore to determine what books would be available and to make arrangement to have those books moved.

We discussed a holiday gathering and the board decided to have its regular meeting on December 16, 2014. Rick volunteered to have the party at his home on Sunday, December 14, 2014 at 4:30 pm.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP –Rick reported that we a total membership of 273; 2 business members, 71 family members, 1 honorary member, 82 individual members, 79 lifetime members, and 38 sustaining members. There are 178 memberships that will expire at the end of 2014 and there are 12 auto renewals. He said 26 were new members. The board clarified that anyone paying in October would have a membership good through the end of 2015.

BOOK SALE – Janie reported that the book sale was a smashing success. Jim did a great job in lining up the volunteers and the board got very good feedback when the board called the volunteers to thank them. Financially this was FACL’s most successful sale. Janie will do one more book sale. She suggested that the sales have co-chairs otherwise the task is too tiring for one person. We have one very large donation from the former owner of a used bookstore. November 22 was set as the target date for picking up what books we decide would be appropriate to take.

WEBSITE – There were no new items regarding the website

NEWSLETTER – We were able to pick up more email addresses from members, which will cut down on the number of hard copies that will need to be printed. Jim will be doing three newsletters per year and requested the members to submit articles or book reports to him. Kudos went to Jim for all the positive feedback the members gave the board members about the newsletter. The next newsletter will be issued in time to promote the coming concert and book sale.

FARMER’S MARKET – Our participation is over for the season and will be revisited in 2015.

PUBLICITY – Jim will write a letter to the Ledger thanking them for their contribution to our book sale campaign and will include a list of our sponsors.

ANNUAL CONCERT/FUNDRAISING –Susan Staggs secured the services of a radio announcer, Jim Guidi, as emcee for the concert. The raffle will be limited to three items. All plans are running smoothly and our news release is ready to go.

OLD BUSINESS

FACL Received an official letter from John Hopkins, Director of General Services Administration for Amador County that although the old Courthouse has been sold the FACL lease for 42A Summit will not be terminated at this time but the matter will be revisited when the new owner takes control of the property. The board members will attempt to get some time frame for any possible move from the new owners.

Terri and Janet continue to bring books to the jail. They also brought books to the Wellness Center in Jackson, where the donation was greatly appreciated.

There was a delay in getting out the brochure for the Imagination Library for First Five but they do have our logo and our address,

Sandy adjourned the meeting at 10:40 A.M.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, November 18, 2014 at the GSA Building.