

FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY

DRAFT Minutes

March 15th, 2016

Call to order at 9:05

Welcome guests- no guests

Roll Call- Present: Rick Sprenkel, Janie Brown, JoAnn Chevrette, Jim Powell, Jan Hewett, Bonnie Toy and Michele Powell. Absent, Elizabeth Rhein

Quorum present -Quorum declared

Approval of February minutes M/S/P: M. Powell/Brown/unanimous to accept

Correspondence –No correspondence

TREASURER’S REPORT: 2/15/16 to 3/14/16

M/S/P Chevrette/Brown/unanimous to accept

LIBRARY DIRECTOR’S REPORT: Laura

*Hired two people to replace two staff who are retiring; Marie Evers taking over interlibrary loan program, started 3/14/16. Michele Gallaher working at Plymouth branch will start 3/21/16.

*Moving from OCLC interlibrary interface to Link+ in May; 70-80 libraries participate, funded by 49/99. It is faster, costs less and no charge to libraries.

*49/99 will underwrite the cost of portable WIFI Hotspots for staff to use in the field.

*Requests: 1-Renew contract with Novelists+ for \$2,645; 2-Renew warranty for one year on AWE computers for \$325. M/S/P J. Powell/Toy/unanimous to approve

NEW BUSINESS:

Audit- Jim will forward info regarding what the audit requires to Beth Squire who will forward to CPA neighbor for consideration of request.

Jessica Wright e-mail- She offered to run fundraisers for/with us. Rick politely declined.

Board Elections (see By-Laws, Article 4, Section 5)- Slate of candidates has to reach members by the end of April for the election in May. To announce the slate-Jim will email it to FACL members, Bonnie will send it via USPS mail to members w/o email. Election will be in May.

Trash to Treasures –Ricked moved that we have an “information only” table.

Jan seconded/Passed with M. Powell not in favor.

OLD BUSINESS:

Update on digitizing the Ledger-Dispatch – Contract Signed –Signed with BMI Imaging Systems, Inc. Rick reported that Jack Mitchell’s lawyers are working on the language for the contract giving us rights to publish the Amador Ledger-Dispatch online.

Board Candidates

Candidates for June 1, 2016 to May 31, 2017

Rick Sprenkel, President

Bonnie Toy, Vice President

Jim Powell, Treasurer

Elizabeth Rhein, Secretary

M. Powell proposed that we bring more structure to the board with each member having a specific role, responsibility and title. She will develop a proposal for board discussion.

Little Free Libraries/Read Across Amador - Update – Elizabeth absent, – Postponed

Appreciation Event Discussion – Agreement that the event was a success.

Retirement Event- Jim will write checks to retirees and Janie will take them to the library.

Poet Laureate Update - Postponed

Rotary Grant – \$4500 approved for shelving. Check pending.

Webmaster Update -Will remove Boots n Books from website.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Annual Concert – Michele -Preliminary estimated revenue: \$4,800; Attendance-188.

Discussion of fact that Stamey was a no-show at the Gray Gables, take responsibility, to apologize, and thank the Garlicks, board voted to send a letter and a check for \$100.

M/S/P Toy/J. Powell/unanimous to accept

Book Sale – JoAnn/Janie Everything on track; Jan will be volunteer coordinator for the fall sale.

Communications – Jim –Newsletter scheduled for May to cover elections & Summer Reading Program

Membership- Bonnie –Renewals are slow coming in; membership roles are “clean”

Request from France- M. Powell received an email form a man in France for help researching a documentary movie. Will forward to Laura and FACL board for advice & suggestions. Jan suggested that if he comes to Amador, we could host him at an event.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:30.

Submitted, Michele Powell, Acting Secretary, March 17, 2016

NEXT MEETING: April 19th @ 9am at the GSA building

Note that Rick will not be available. Might consider a dark month.