

FORESTHILL FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
SPECIAL MEETING, SEPTEMBER 21, 2017
FORESTHILL LIBRARY COMMUNITY ROOM
DRAFT MINUTES FOR APPROVAL AT NOVEMBER 9 MEETING

Meeting called to order 2:05pm- Present were: Sharon Ross, KW Rice, Tyler Harkness, Sally D' Aragon, Sandy Simester, Cathy Gerber, Kate Burger, Sally Drone, Margaret Venturini, and Robin Guthrie.

The special meeting was called to address three issues:

BUDGET- Further clarification of the proposed 2017/2018 budget was requested. Sharon brought the 2016/2017 budget as a reference and explained the history of prior budgets. KW stated he likes what the treasurer is doing but has concerns that we show more funds going out than being taken in. Sharon showed that the final balance continues to grow, but the Friends if the Library members wish to have the flexibility to donate funds to causes they find important. Sally D'Aragon, treasurer, distributed the current proposed budget and explained they are a snapshot guideline that gets adjusted as real expenses occur. After discussion, it was decided that Sally can show a transfer of funds from savings to balance with proposed funds going out for donations so that total expenses and total income balances match.

Robin added that she ordered bags and first grade read books, as per prior approval, for \$300, which is a current line item.

Sally will distribute an updated proposed budget. Cathy moved to approve the budget and Sally Drone seconded. All voted in favor of approving the proposed 2017/2018 budget.

MEMBERSHIP- Kate passed around her Friends of the Library membership card. New cards will be laminated and sent to patrons with a note card. She has already purchased the stationary and stamps and stated it's her contribution to the FFOL. The perks of being a member are printed on the back of the card. She will send

out the cards with the approval of the FFOL board. Members consented with her plan and decided it didn't need a vote by the board.

Junior memberships are a new concept and patrons under 18 will receive special junior cards and book bags. Those who completed the summer reading program and/or are regular patrons will receive cards. (Approximately 20-40 juniors) The cards will be given out monthly when the recipients arrive at the library.

“ANDROMEDA AND BEYOND” EVENT- Kate passed out mini fliers to spread the word of the event slated for October 26th, 6:30pm at Veteran's Memorial Hall, a free event. Tony Hallas committed to do this show after he was unable to attend the past library event. Members of FFOL plan to have an information table at the event to promote membership, the birthday club, promote the library craft classes and the “Sisters in Stitches” opportunity quilt, the book sales and will have a donation jar. The plan is to create interest in all of the activities at the Foresthill Library as well as get a list of requested classes. There was discussion to update the website as well with a newer membership list. Also possible for the show is cocoa, water and popcorn. FFOL members are asked to assist with the evening.

Sharon Ross, President added more information to the meeting:

She proposed recognizing children who excel and then added that Mary George, Director of Library Services, suggested the idea could possibly create hard feelings among the children. Some discussion followed.

Sharon also announced that there is a meeting of interested Friends of Placer County Libraries on September 26th at 6pm. The discussion will be regarding input from the various groups on how to create a more stable financial footing. One avenue discussed is to keep in touch with your Board of Supervisors and promote the libraries. Robin said she has collected patron stories in the past and forwarded them to Jennifer Montgomery, our District 5 Supervisor. She did this to demonstrate how the library has made a difference in the lives of our patrons. It was discussed how letters to the editor in our local newspapers is also a great idea. We could also present letters to Jennifer Montgomery at her Foresthill Koffee Klatch meetings thanking her for her support of our libraries. Another idea is to write her a thank you email for her continued support.

One last item was discussed regarding the announcement of FFOL and FFF Creative Arts Center classes. All announcements need to go through Cathy Gerber so she can send out the mass emails to our list of members and interested parties. We need to clarify which group and location for each class so as to alleviate any confusion. Also, any publications for the Messenger need to go through Tyler Harkness.

Next regular meeting is scheduled for November 9th at the Foresthill Library Community Room at 2pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:20 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sandy Simester, FFOL Secretary.