

**FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
JANUARY 15, 2013**

ATTENDANCE: Lacey Bartich, Helen Bierce, Janie Brown, Janet Caccia, Kati Corsaut, Laura Einstadter, Sarah Hart, Ruth Miller, Gail Smyth, Elaine Sommer, Susan Staggs, Sandy Sullivan, Terri Works

President Janie Brown called the meeting to order at 9:00 A.M. There were no guests.

MINUTES:

It was moved by Terri Works, seconded by Ruth Miller, passed unanimously to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2012 meeting.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

In Bonnie Toy's absence, Janie Brown presented the financial report as of December 31, 2012 that Bonnie had emailed to Board members. Janie noted the financial report shows unallocated funds of \$11,958.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Laura Einstadter reported that five people have participated in the Adopt-A-Book program so far, each sponsoring one or more fiction or non-fiction books.

Laura also reported that Amador County will be moving forward on a project to replace the HVAC system at the Jackson Library. Details on this project's effect on library operations will be provided when more information on the timeline is known.

The thirteen new computers for the main library have been received and will be configured and installed in February. Kati Corsaut will include an article on the FACL donation towards the new computers in the next Newsletter. Information on the Adopt-A-Book program will also be included in the Newsletter and in scheduled newspaper ads.

Laura will provide information about Online Resources available at the Library at the February Board meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

NOMINATING COMMITTEE – The nominating committee will consist of Lacey Bartich, Helen Bierce and Janet Caccia.

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY – Janie Brown shared information on little the Little Free Library project. For these projects, individuals provide a small box, wagon or other container that is stocked with free books for anyone who would like to take one. Others can then also leave books to share and it becomes a source of books for the local area. After discussing this program, the Board suggested that information on little free book

projects be included in a Newsletter article for those that might like to pursue a project like this for their local neighborhood.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP – Ruth Miller reported that we have a total of 365 members. Ruth sent out 226 electronic renewal notices and 32 mailed renewal notices.

BOOK SALE – Lacey Bartich and Terri Works will have a book sale committee meeting today following the regular Board meeting.

NEWSLETTER - Katie Coursaut reported that the next copy of the Newsletter will be sent out in February following the Books and Boots event. Kati asked for input from Board members for any articles or items to include in the newsletter.

PUBLICITY – Elaine Sommer reported that the Ledger Dispatch has increased their rate for Gold membership from \$40.00 per month or \$480 per year to \$69.50 per month or \$834 per year. As using individual ads at prices of \$225-280 each would still be more expensive, the Board recommended we continue with Gold membership for the 2013 year.

FUNDRAISING – Susan Staggs asked that Laura consider the need for possible large important items to recommend as the focus for the June fundraising request letter to Friends members.

BOOTS & BOOKS – Susan Staggs reported the committee has completed plans for the Boots & Books fundraiser, posters are up, assignment sheets and job assignments were previously given to Board members and there are only 20 tickets still available for this event.

OLD BUSINESS

PUBLICITY TRAINING – Kati Corsault will present the publicity training for Board members following the March Board meeting.

The Board discussed holding another Board Planning Meeting in June, 2013 to take a strategic look at fundraising over the next 3-5 years and other long range planning items as identified. Janie Brown with check with last year's facilitator to determine her availability.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:15 A.M.

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, February 19th at 9:00 AM at GSA Building

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