

**FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
JUNE 18, 2013**

ATTENDANCE: Helen Bierce, Janie Brown, Janet Caccia, Laura Einstadter, Gail Smyth, Elaine Sommer, Susan Staggs, Bonnie Toy, and Terri Works.

Past-president Janie Brown called the meeting to order at 9:05 A.M. Janie welcomed the new officers. There were no guests. A quorum was declared. The minutes of the May 21, 2013 were tabled for approval until the next regularly scheduled meeting. Janie Brown presented two letters. Sober Grads sent a request for financial support. Chris Fuller, grandson of Ruth Jackson, sent a letter regarding his grandmother's fondness for FACL and he presented FACL with a check in accordance with Ruth Jackson's request upon the sale of her home.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bonnie Toy presented the Treasurer's Report for the period from May 19, 2013 to June 15 2013. Bonnie stated that Ruth Sanders had completed her audit of FACL's books and Ruth declared the accounting to be in good condition and offered no recommendations. Bonnie reported that we had received a restricted gift from the Kiwanis Club for \$500.00 to support the Summer Reading Program.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Laura Einstadter informed the Board that she is working on the Little Free Libraries, that the program had obtained funding, and that she would be writing and submitting a formal grant application. The grant is for \$5,000.00. The targeted locations are Volcano, River Pines, Rollingwood, and Lake Camanche. She is working with the Amador Arts Council and each site will have its own design and character. Laura's first meeting with the local groups will be in September and she plans to roll out the program between October and the end of 2013. The grant money will fund the seed collection for each site. FACL will donate some of its books to supplement the libraries. Laura will work with the local groups to establish a monitoring system.

Laura stated that the County budget had been approved and that the situation remains static. The libraries will remain open the same hours and the size of the staff will not change. The County budget includes \$5,000 for materials. She will need to continue to seek support from FACL.

NEW BUSINESS:

OVERDRIVE ADVANTAGE – Bonnie Toy raised the issue of signing up for Overdrive Advantage, which would allow our County library patrons access to e-books owned by our library. The initial cost to enroll is \$1,000.00 with a commitment for an additional specified amount each succeeding year. Laura Einstadter agreed to check on the cost for successive years. Terry Works moved that FACL spend \$1,000.00 to enroll in Overdrive Advantage. Helen Bierce seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP – Janie Brown reported for Ruth Miller that we have three new members for a total of 298 paid members.

BOOK SALE – Terri Works said that the set-up for the fall book sale would be on the Thursday preceding the sale. The dates for the spring book sale were discussed because of potential conflicts with the AAUW Home Tour on April 12 and the Saturday of Easter weekend on April 19. No date was set but the issue will be revisited at our next regular meeting.

WEBSITE – Members were asked to review the FACL website once a month and if there are any corrections or deletions to report to Bonnie Toy and she will have Louise make the appropriate changes. The members asked Bonnie Toy to express our good wishes to Louise who is recovering from a bad fall but who nevertheless has continued to keep the site updated.

NEWSLETTER – Janie Brown reported that Katie Corsaut will continue to oversee the newsletter but all members are expected to submit any new information to Katie to add to the newsletter.

FARMER’S MARKET – Sales will be held in Pine Grove on July 24 and August 21 from 3-6 pm and in Sutter Creek on July 23 and August 31 from 9 am to Noon. There are sufficient volunteers to man the booths but other members were also invited to volunteer.

PUBLICITY – Elaine Sommer said we ran three ads for our last book sale and suggested we run four ads this year, one seeking new members. She passed around the former membership solicitation that will be submitted for publication. Members expressed some disappointment in the current format for Goldmine and suggested we consider placing ads in the Lodestar.

FUNDRAISING – Susan Staggs discussed the issue of the new service desk and explained that until the revamping of the library has a definite date we should put the service desk on hold. Susan moved that we commit the funds donated by Ruth Jackson’s Estate solely to the service desk. Helen Bierce seconded the motion and it was carried by a unanimous vote.

BOOTS & BOOKS – Susan Staggs said that although we have volunteers to handle the various components of the concert we still lack a chairperson. Susan does have very detailed reports for the previous concerts that are available for anyone who would be interested in assuming that position. Susan offered that this year should be much simpler because we have eliminated the silent auction, which was the most time intensive part of the job. Janie Brown suggested that Mary O’Neal might be willing to assist and offered to contact Mary.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed.

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

NEXT MEETING: Tuesday, July 16 at 9:00 A.M. at GSA Building

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