

**FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
November 19, 2013**

ATTENDANCE: Sandra Sullivan, Elaine Sommer, Ruth Miller, Lacey Bartich, Janie Brown, Helen Bierce, Janet Caccia, Gail Smyth, Bonnie Toy, and Laura Eisentadter.

Sandy called the meeting to order at 9:04 A.M. There were no guests. Sandra declared a quorum. Helen moved and Janie seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the October 15, 2013 meeting and the Board voted to approve the minutes.

Sandra reported a donation by Steven Honeychurch for \$10,000, which he gave with the proviso that one-half would be spent on books for the Plymouth branch and one-half would be spent on books for the main library.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

Bonnie submitted her report, which included a final report on the book sale showing income of \$4,593.75. Bonnie sent Sandy a copy of correspondence with the State Franchise Tax Board for our 2009 tax filing for which Bonnie is attempting to obtain a refund.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Laura offered that the first Little Library was going into River Pines. She said it is located in a nice, shaded, paved area in the center of town. There is a group picture on the library's website of the River Pines group. The three other Little Libraries will be located in Lake Camanche, Pioneer (Buckhorn) and Volcano. The books placed in the libraries are based on demographics and include adult fiction, children's fiction, children's picture books, and teen books. Depending on the locale some of the books will be in Spanish. Each library will be getting 30-40 books. There are some funds for additional books. An article will appear in the Ledger Dispatch on Friday, November 22 on the Little Libraries.

The new HVAC system has been installed in the main library and is working well.

The Zip-ILL program is underway. It enables the library to order books that are not in the library's inventory for patrons. The purchase is mailed directly to the patron and is to be returned directly to the library. Mostly adult books have been ordered to date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Elaine informed the Board that Lynn Morgan is running for Supervisor of District 3 and that Lynn is interested in coming to one of the Board meetings to learn more about FACL and the work we do. Elaine will invite her to the January meeting.

Kati mentioned Naida West, author of the California Gold trilogy, and suggested FACL might be interested in sponsoring an author event. Kati also mentioned that West will work with groups that wish to tour her property and the section of the Consumes River

where so many of her historic novels occurred. The history walk costs \$33 and includes lunch and tip. This time will be put on the agenda for the January 2014 meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP – Ruth reported that we have 20 new members and a total of 329 paid memberships.

BOOK SALE – Lacey reported for Terri that we made approximately \$2700 on Friday, \$1,500 on Friday, and \$600 on Sunday at the November sale. Discussion ensued about how to advertise the next at the American Legion building. We have one sandwich board and Janet suggest we consider getting a second one.

WEBSITE – There were no updates on the website and Bonnie continues to provide input to Louise.

NEWSLETTER – Sandy reported for Kati that the Newsletter is out and available on line. Sandy encouraged the Board members to submit book recommendations to Kati.

FARMER’S MARKET – There were no reports for this meeting.

PUBLICITY – FACL is still looking for a replacement for Elaine. Kati’s goal is to be relocated out of California within the next year so we will need to find her replacement too. Some discussion was made about recruiting replacements. Discussion about the cost of space in the Lodestar ensued as well as the cost for a blog in the Amador Community News. The Friends and Neighbors website was also mentioned.

Elaine attended the workshop in Jackson that was promoting tying print ads to the AC Home (formerly known as the Goldmine) website. The paper has a new owner. The Gold Member Program has been dropped. Elaine provided the various prices for the different sizes and colors of advertisements.

FUNDRAISING – Terri will chair the service desk letter but she expressed concerns about the success of the letter. After some discussion the matter was tabled for a subsequent meeting.

BOOTS & BOOKS – The Board members were given tickets to sell. Michelle Powell is handling the ticket sales and she may be reached at 209-296-1712. Each member was given ten tickets to sell. A list of potential sources of raffle prizes was passed around to see if any of the members might have personal contacts on the list.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no discussion of old business.

Sandy adjourned the meeting at 11:00 A.M.

NEXT MEETING: There will be no December meeting but Janie will host a Holiday Party at her home on December 17 from 4 to 6 P.M. The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, January 14, 2014 at 9:00 A.M at the GSA Building.