

**FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
February 17, 2015**

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: Sandra Sullivan, Janie Brown, Jim Powell, Michele Powell, Elizabeth Rhein, Gail Smyth (first half of meeting), Rick Sprenkel
ABSENT: Bonnie Toy, Laura Einstadter (ex officio)
GUESTS: Jo Ann Chevrette, Ed Pogue, Jack Mitchell

Sandy called the meeting to order at approximately 9:02 A.M. and declared a quorum.
M/S/P: Janie/Jim/unanimous to accept the January 20, 2015 minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The 01/11/15 through 02/10/15 report (attachment #1) and the Concert Report through 2/10/15 (attachment #2) were presented.
There were no questions regarding these reports.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Absent due to staff shortage (Becky's injury). No report.

OLD BUSINESS

The required annual audit has not yet been conducted.

INTERNET SALES – Arrangement with Magnus Berglund will remain as is.

NEW BUSINESS

NEW BOARD MEMBERS – M/S/P: Rick/Jim/unanimous to elect JoAnn Chevrette to the board. M/S/P: Elizabeth/Janie/unanimous to elect Ed Pogue to the board. Discussion: Ed's concern about the time commitment

DIGITIZING AMADOR LEDGER DISPATCH MICROFILM – This project was on Laura's long-term list presented in January. The cost will be approximately \$20,000. About 250 rolls of microfilm are involved.

Elizabeth presented the project background: Digitizing will enable genealogy and history researchers around the world to access the Ledger Dispatch. Library staff will not have to do the work for non-local requests, saving staff time. Users of the digitized files will be able to donate on the website. The library has identified a vendor to do the digitization and will manage the digitization project.

Elizabeth met with Jack Mitchell of the Ledger on January 26. Today Jack visited the board and committed to raising the needed funds. He will begin by approaching private sources. Target is the next six months. He mentioned that the Las Vegas Review-Journal has undertaken a similar project. All funds raised will come to FACL as restricted donations. The goal is a searchable website with a donation button.

Open issues: (1) Does the library have the entire LD or is some of it (bound copies that are not on microfilm, for example) at the county archives? (2) A formal agreement among the parties (Ledger, library, FACL) will be needed.

Next steps: (1) Meeting with Jack, Laura, and Elizabeth to share more specific details with Jack. (2) Elizabeth will report on the project status at the March board meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP – Report was presented by Rick, Membership Chair (attachment #3). Dues are due in January. 159 people still need to pay. Rick will send out a renewal email. About 50 members do not have email.

BOOK SALES – Janie asked for a new street banner. Jim will create the art with the logo. Janie will order the sign. Price was not discussed; will come from Book Sale budget. Book Sale bookmarks are available.

Janie reported that the Book Room needs a new vacuum cleaner. No action was taken.

Resolution, not voted: FACL will not participate in 2015 Farmers' Markets.

Resolution, not voted: FACL will participate in 2015 Sutter Creek Trash to Treasures (Saturday, May 23).

WEBSITE – Jim reported that the Amazon Smile program is active.

NEWSLETTER – Jim has published the Winter-Spring 2015 newsletter (attachment #4). The board commended Jim for an excellent newsletter. The online version has a link to the FACL website. Next newsletter will be published approximately in September.

PUBLICITY – (see Annual Concert and Book Sale)

ANNUAL CONCERT – Michele reported that 100 tickets have been sold as of today. Capacity is 350. We have 2 raffle prizes and are seeking 2 more. Posters have been put up. Jim has been on local radio twice.

Sandy adjourned the meeting at 10:20 A.M.

NEXT MEETING: The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, March 17, 2015 at the GSA Building.

Respectfully submitted, Elizabeth Rhein