

Friends of the Fresno County Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
April 22, 2024
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MINUTES

PRESENT: Nancy Kast, Kristie Leyba, Nick Andrade, Shannon Wise, Rosa Huerta, Mark Kalchik, Butch Dies, Brian Baker

REGRETS: Dan Dunklee, Jim Poptanich, Vicki Love, Becky Brown

ABSENT: Lyn Peters, Ashley Rice

ALSO PRESENT: Chan Ngeth, Susan Renfro

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

- The meeting was called to order at 7:05 by Acting President Kristie Leyba.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM FEBRUARY 26, 2024 MEETING

- **Motion by:** Shannon Wise moved to approve the minutes as modified to note that while there was no oral financial report, documents were sent.
- **Seconded by:** Mark Kalchik
- **Carried**

3. LIBRARY ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORT – SUSAN RENFRO

- Sally Gomez will become the official County Librarian as of the April 23 County Board of Supervisors meeting.
- The plans for the new Clovis library have been presented to and approved by the Clovis City Council. The new space will be the largest in the county at 26,000 square feet.
- RFQs (Request for Quotes) are being sent for Reedley and Clovis and Supervisor Magsig is pushing to have contracts by August.
- The Selma remodel is still delayed; no news yet on when the project will move forward.
- Plans are still in the works to buy the former Baskin Robbins next to Betty Rodriguez. This will go before the Board of Supervisors tomorrow.
- Summer At Your Library begins on June 10. Due to the lack of space for programs and the need for registration for most of them, most of the marketing will be focused on the reading challenges.
- JP Marketing and the Jeffrey Scott Agency have been contracted to do some marketing for the Library. The project will have a \$40,000 budget and end in September. The primary goal will be to promote library card sign-ups.
- Nick Andrade raised a concern about security in libraries across Fresno County, which Susan said she would look into.
- Measure B is approximately 30 months away. We anticipate it being on the ballot in November 2026.

4. BOARD REPORTS

- **ACTING PRESIDENT KRISTIE LEYBA**
 - i. The Library has requested that the Friends provide \$700 in gift cards for the Poetry Contest Awards, as we have in the past. The judges will be Jessica Turney (grades 3-5), Aideed Medina (grades 6-8), Mariah Bosch (grades 9-12), and Angela Vincent.
 - **Motion:** Nick Andrade made a motion to double the prize amounts and provide \$1400 in gift cards.
 - **Second:** Shannon Wise
 - **Carried**
 - ii. Our Bylaw Revision Listening Session will be held on May 4 at Sunnyside. This will determine our next steps in the revision and adoption process.
 - **VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP AND NOMINATING – BECKY BROWN**
 - i. Not present; no report.
 - **TREASURER—NICK ANDRADE**
 - i. February’s financial reports are available for review.
 - ii. 2024 Budget proposal
 - Noble Credit Union dues were down in 2023, so the proposed budget suggests bringing them down again due to high interest rates and the general state of the economy.
 - We are budgeting conservatively and have been coming up under budget on expenses.
 - **Motion:** Nancy Kast moved to approve the budget as presented.
 - **Second:** Brian Baker
 - **Carried**
 - **COMMITTEE REPORTS**
 - i. No reports.
5. **BOOKSHOP UPDATE**
- No updates.
6. **OLD BUSINESS**
- No old business.
7. **NEW BUSINESS**
- Mark Kalchik spoke about the upcoming 50th Anniversary event coming up at the Politi Library. The Friends of the Politi Library have been holding an event per month for several months in celebration.
 - Shannon Wise pointed out that applications for the Parent and Guardian Review Committee close on April 26th. She also suggested that the idea of Friends of the Library shirts return to an upcoming agenda.
 - Brian Baker spoke about Dolly Parton’s Imagination Library, which is new to the Fresno area. The program is aimed at kids 0-5 and provides them with free books. If the Friends were to get involved, our cost would be \$13 per child. He will get more information for a future meeting.

- It was suggested that we compile a master calendar of events that may be good tabling and outreach opportunities. This will be a project for the Executive Committee.
- Rosa Huerta asked for clarification on the threshold for purchases requiring Board of Supervisors approval. Any project over \$7500 must go to the Board.
- Mark Kalchik noted that reimbursements were happening much more quickly lately.
- **NEXT MEETING: Monday, June 24 at 7 PM via Zoom.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion by:** Rosa Huerta
- **Seconded by:** Shannon Wise
- **Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:38 PM.**

Submitted by Sam Retton, Executive Assistant.