

Friends of the Fresno County Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
February 26, 2024
Zoom

MINUTES

PRESENT: Nancy Kast, Lyn Peters, Mark Kalchik, Jim Poptanich, Dan Dunklee, Nick Andrade, Kristie Leyba, Shannon Wise, Becky Brown, Butch Dies, Ashley Rice

ABSENT: Victor Sotelo, Rosa Huerta

ALSO PRESENT: Vicki Love, Brian Baker

1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS

- Acting President Kristie Leyba called the meeting to order at 7:03 PM.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 23, 2024 MEETING

- **Motion by:** Jim Poptanich
- **Seconded by:** Nick Andrade
- **Carried**

3. COUNTY LIBRARIAN’S REPORT – SALLY GOMEZ

- Selma is delayed due to an issue with the sprinkler system. This could mean up to a three month delay.
- Reedley is delayed due to cost and will be going back to the drawing board to restart the RFQ (request for quote) process.
- The Clovis property swap will go before the Board on March 5.
- During the auxiliary Pop-Up Prom Shop event, Mendota was able to give away 32 dresses and suits to a population that was roughly 60-70% Spanish-speaking, and the patrons were thrilled to find that the staff there were all fluent in Spanish. Sally will look into the final total of garments that were given out.
- There are currently no updates on Politi.

4. BOARD REPORTS

• **ACTING PRESIDENT KRISTIE LEYBA**

- i. The Annual Meeting will be held on March 23 at 9:30 AM and this year, in lieu of a speaker, the Politi documentary (“Leo Politi: Artist of the Angels”) will be shown.

• **VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP AND NOMINATING – BECKY BROWN**

- i. Brian Baker and Vicki Love, both present, will need to be voted in at the Annual Meeting.

• **TREASURER—NICK ANDRADE**

- i. No oral report. Financial reports were made available for review.

• **COMMITTEE REPORTS**

- i. No reports.

5. BOOKSHOP UPDATE

- No report.

6. OLD BUSINESS

- Jim Poptanich asked for clarification about the Amazon gift cards mentioned during the January meeting. Nancy Kast explained that pre-paying Library staff has been an issue with the auditor in the past, so while the Library has suggested gift cards as a solution, it may not be feasible. Brian Baker and Kristie Leyba confirmed that Fresno Unified gives purchase orders for G.W. School Supply as a means of circumventing the need for reimbursement.
- Lyn Peters raised a concern about Friends of the Library's policy of not sending checks to Library staff to give to vendors. In rare cases, physical checks can be written to hand directly to vendors or performers, but Library staff are not supposed to be handling any money.

7. NEW BUSINESS

- Board members should arrive at Woodward at 9 AM on March 23 to help set up for the Annual Meeting. Janet Claassen and Elizabeth Laval will speak about the documentary for a bit, and the meeting should end sometime around 11 or 11:15. Nominations will occur at the top of the meeting in case people need to leave early.
- **NEXT MEETING: Annual Meeting Saturday, March 23 at 9:30 AM at Woodward.**

8. ADJOURNMENT

- **Motion by:** Lyn Peters
- **Seconded by:** Mark Kalchik
- **Carried.** The meeting adjourned at 7:46.

Submitted by Sam Retton, Executive Assistant.