

**Friends of the Fresno County Public Library**  
**Board Meeting Minutes**  
**July 22, 2024**  
Zoom

**MINUTES**

**PRESENT:** Shannon Wise, Kristie Leyba, Nancy Kast, Nick Andrade, Becky Brown, Vicki Love, Jim Poptanich, Brian Baker

**REGRETS:** Dan Dunklee, Butch Dies

**ABSENT:** Lyn Peters, Rosa Huerta, Mark Kalchik, Ashley Rice

**ALSO PRESENT:** Susan Renfro, Sally Gomez

**1. CALL TO ORDER/OPENING REMARKS**

- The meeting was called to order at 7:08 by Vice President Becky Brown.

**2. APPROVAL OF EXCUSED ABSENCES**

- **Members to excuse:** Dan Dunklee
- **Motion by:** Nancy Kast
- **Seconded by:** Brian Baker
- **Carried**

**3. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES FROM JUNE 24, 2024 MEETING**

- **Motion by:** Jim Poptanich
- **Seconded by:** Brian Baker
- **Carried**

**4. NEW BUSINESS**

- **Shirts**
  - i. Nancy Kast presented the design created by Amy Johnson at the Library. Kristie Leyba suggested moving the QR code to the center of the design to help improve its integrity. Susan Renfro asked if the design should say “Friends of the Library” as opposed to “Fresno County Public Library.” Becky Brown suggested that perhaps it should say “Friends of the Library” on the front and “Fresno County Public Library” on the back.
  - ii. Nancy Kast suggested ordering 500 shirts: 250 for Library staff, 250 for Friends of the Library members and budgeting for \$10 a shirt for a total of \$5,000, altered to say “Friends of the Library” on the front.
  - iii. **Motion by:** Jim Poptanich; **Seconded by:** Brian Baker. **Carried.**

**5. COUNTY LIBRARIAN’S REPORT – SALLY GOMEZ**

- Applications for Librarians closed today and new ones for Library Aides will be up soon.
- In September, a contractor will be selected for the new Clovis and Reedley libraries.
- The lease agreement for the new Politi building is tentatively set to go before the Board of Supervisors in August.

- Some branches, especially those in rural communities, will have temporary extended hours during the heat wave in order to provide air-conditioned space to the community.
- Summer At Your Library: Pre-registration has been working well. Both staff and patrons seem happy with this system and feel that everyone is getting a better experience.
- State Parks Passes: Funding for the passes was secured for at least one more year. Backpacks are now available for checkout with the passes. These include things like a compass, binoculars, and some field guides that will help patrons get the most out of their trips. Becky Brown asked if the backpacks pose an issue in terms of lost or stolen items. Susan Renfro said she would look into the numbers and what fines and fees were associated with them.
- Fresno County Reads: The book for this year is *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pelt. The program will run from October 1 to November 30.

#### **6. LIBRARY ADMINISTRATIVE STAFF REPORT – SUSAN RENFRO**

- A marketing and programming meeting took place today about Fresno County Reads. There will be one program per cluster per age group, as well as a book club.

#### **7. BOARD REPORTS**

- **ACTING PRESIDENT KRISTIE LEYBA**
  - Approval of Shannon Wise as the new interim President, to serve until the Annual Meeting**
    - **Motion by:** Becky Brown
    - **Seconded by:** Brian Baker
    - **Carried.**
  - Kristie suggested that the Board keep an eye out for tabling opportunities to drum up support for Friends of the Library and the Fresno County Public Library during the fall and winter months.
- **VICE PRESIDENT, MEMBERSHIP AND NOMINATING – BECKY BROWN**
  - Becky suggested that there be a membership drive during Friends of Libraries Week, which takes place October 20-26.
- **TREASURER—NICK ANDRADE**
  - The financial reports were not available yet. Nick will check in with the accountant to see if the delay can be avoided in the future.

#### **8. BOOKSHOP UPDATE**

- The June 50% off sale helped to double and almost triple the usual monthly income of the store.
- Lots of branch sales are also coming up over the summer, as well as a couple in the fall and winter months.

#### **9. OLD BUSINESS**

- None.

#### **10. NEW BUSINESS**

- Regarding the question of whether to meet in August or not, Jim Poptanich suggested that we keep the meeting scheduled and decide whether to cancel after the Executive Committee has met, depending on what comes up in the meeting.
- Brian Baker asked if the Friends of the Library are interested in playing any role in the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, which will be coming to Fresno County soon. The City of Fresno, First 5, and Valley Children's are funding the project so far. It was agreed that for now, the most support we can provide is social media promotion to help get the word out about the program.
- **NEXT MEETING: Monday, August 26 at 7 PM at Fig Garden.**

#### **11. ADJOURNMENT**

- **Motion by:** Becky Brown
- **Seconded by:** Jim Poptanich
- **Carried. The meeting adjourned at 8:01 PM.**

**Submitted by Sam Retton, Executive Assistant.**