Capitola Library Friends Chapter Meeting July 20, 2019

Toni called the meeting to order at 10:05 AM and asked those present to Introduce themselves. Heather Norquist introduced herself as the regional manager of our region of the Library.

Treasurer's report: Karen reported the current balance will be about \$40,000 after the next deposit. June income was about \$3000 after all expenses and the library summer reading program donation. Amazon sales were a little slow, around \$300 for July so far, most months at least \$500.

New Library update: The capital campaign is continuing with a few major donations recently. Pavers are also selling. We expect sales will ramp up as we will close sales by Jan 2 2020. Toni has a table at the Wednesday concerts for the pavers. Will have a table at the art and wine festival September 14-15. Gayle reported that the current open date is mid July 2020. They will be undergrounding the power lines, but how is unclear.

Program:

Toni read Sam Storey's email about the language of the proposed MOU. He raised a number of concerns about the meaning and enforceability of the elements in the document. The group doesn't think we should sign anything similar to the current MOU. Jacques pointed out that the MOU "Cuts the legs out from under the supporters." How can we raise money without a promise about who the funds will benefit? We have to create a way to have a balance of power. You can't go to the community and ask for money under these conditions. Gayle pointed out that no one would sign a one-sided contract like this. Toni pointed out that the FSCPL's function should be to help the chapters raise needed funds. Gayle pointed out that the raised funds need to be spent at the discretion of the chapters to encourage fundraising, otherwise it is demotivating. We definitely agree that our proposed expenditures should not put a burden on the library. Toni, Gayle and Keith will be the group to meet with chapters and Martin, FSPLC President.

We agreed the next meeting will be moved out a week so it won't conflict with the Art and Wine festival.

Toni adjourned the meeting at 11:21 AM.

2019 meetings:

September 21

November 16