



Meeting notes of the Friends of the Capitola Library Saturday, April 19, 2025

The meeting was called to order at 10:00

- **Our treasurer reported that book sales have been strong. A list of deposits and expenses for Q1 was distributed. We currently have slightly more than \$111,000 held by the Friends of the Santa Cruz Libraries (FSCPL).**
- **The bookstore recently received a donation of 14 fixtures that had previously been in the Cabrillo College bookstore. We received the Capitola Soquel Chamber of Commerce award for community spirit.**
- **The solar panel project is moving forward. The RFP went live on 4/18/25. The County expects to award a contract around the second week of June. Construction will be completed on or before 12/31/25. In addition to solar panels, a system of batteries will also be installed under this contract.**
- **Sarah Beck, executive director of the Friends of the Santa Cruz Libraries, asked for a contribution of \$10,000 to the ask submitted to the FSCPL by the library system. Christopher Platt, SCPL director, explained the need for funds and the importance of commitments for the budgetary process. Toni discussed the probable expenses for the solar project and recommended against approving the contribution. A brief discussion followed. Carol made a motion to table the issue until our group knows the full cost of the project. Bill seconded. The Cap members voted unanimously in favor of the motion.**
- **Meeting adjourned at 11:00.**