



## **Meeting Notes of the Friends of the Capitola Library**

### **Saturday, July 19, 2025**

- Bill reported that our bookstore sales are robust as are donations of materials for our little enterprise. We are on track to sell about the same amount as we did in 2024.
- We are looking forward to seeing the Q2 invoice from Operation Book Support expected by the end of July. We have just begun a relationship with another online bookseller.
- Amber Baumbach, youth librarian, is moving to the downtown library soon. We agreed that Amber should put the Piper computer bundle to use downtown and asked that when a new youth librarian is selected for Capitola, she offers to return it if the new person plans to use it.
- We voted to contribute \$2000 to the OCR program for 2026.
- Sandbar Solar & Electric will be awarded the PV/BESS project. Work is expected to begin in early August with completion in January 2026. When the system is operational, the Capitola branch will become energy self-sufficient, with an annual savings for the SCPL of slightly more than \$30,000.
- We discussed a 4/19/25 vote and confirmed that our intent was and continues to be to wait on funding significant expenses until we are sure of the full cost of the PV/BESS system. We agreed that we did not yet have that information.
- We discussed whether we would make a contribution to the literacy fund request of the FSCPL. We voted to contribute \$10,000.
- We discussed several ideas for how we might invest bookstore funds in the library system.
- Next meeting: October 18, 2025.