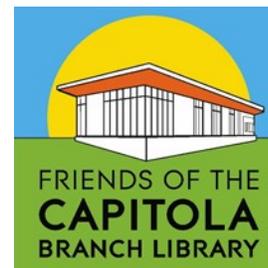


Friends of the Capitola Branch Library
Chapter of the Friends of the Santa Cruz Libraries



Meeting Minutes November 16, 2019

Introduction:

Toni called the meeting to order at 10:00 AM and asked those present to Introduce themselves. Attending: Toni Campbell, Karen Scott, Gayle Ortiz, Mary Tavella, Irene Frieberg, Steve Walsh, Ruth Walsh. Cathlyn Atchison, Ron Skelton, Jean Skelton, Jacque Bertrand, Heather Norquest, Brenda McIlroy, Melanee Barash

Treasurer's report

Karen reported the current balance will be over \$51,000 after the next deposit. October net deposits were about \$3900. Amazon sales were around \$480 for October and \$1100 so far for November.

Updates

Capital campaign

Gayle: Small contributions keep coming in. Recently a donation of \$50,000 was received for the teen room. A few more rooms are still available. There will be a meeting soon with Jaime to discuss disbursements according to the MOU.

Toni - The City and the Foundation both hold capital campaign funds. Gayle and Toni meet with Sarah Harbison (collections manager) re: the opening day collection, how much is needed, etc. Heather wants all new books in the new library.

New building

Dave Tanza gave a tour of the new building to Mel, Heather, Toni and about eight others. They were very impressed with the look of the building. Toni will try to plan a walk through for the Capitola Friends with Dave Tanza sometime in the spring.

Cathlin and Jacques discussed Capitola Library connection to the Rispin park. Jacques expressed safety concerns about walkways and crosswalks around the library.

Our Community Reads

The vote on 9/26 selected Patriot Number One by Lauren Hilgers for the 2020 program. We will organize bringing the author to town on Feb. 27th. We are paying all expenses for the author talk. Mary will check on getting hotel accommodations donated. An OCR banner for the construction site fence was ordered.

Toni is in contact with Soquel High about participation in an OCR event. Heather asked that Brenda be in the loop as the library school liason. Susan was concerned about contacts last year.

Programing

1. Discussion of the Friends of the Capitola Branch Library endorsing the multi-use building option for the downtown branch – action item.

Toni summarized the plan for the new library, Downtown Forward, and Council action regarding remodeling the old library. Two options have similar costs and the library will be closed for 2 years if remodeled. Should this group support the multi-use building? No other chapters have formally endorsed it. Gayle is in favor of the multi use building but not in favor of the Capitola Friends endorsing it. She believes that we should be independent and doesn't want other organizations

to interfere with us. Cathlyn agreed. Jacques felt that it's a political decision and agrees that we shouldn't endorse.

Gayle moved that we not make an endorsement . Steve seconded. Motion passed.

2. Looking forward . . . Capitola Friends' plans for the new library - discussion

Toni introduced Keith's plan. There was general agreement that it's a great plan. Steve suggested quarterly offerings. If the grant is for 3 years, are we committed to do it for 3 years? How many computers? How many students? These are questions that need to be answered.

Heather indicated that the library requires a project proposal. Brenda must be involved. Keith needs to contact Brenda to work on a project proposal. Brenda will email the form to Karen. Heather recommended checking with the Teen Advisory Group that meets in Aptos. Brenda can help with that.

Gayle asked how much programming there will be in the new library that the library will sponsor. They are currently planning to continue the programming offered previously with the addition of some programming that will be transferred when Aptos closes. Heather said they would like to see daily programming. She hopes the Friends will sponsor adult programs. Brenda said we will have more room for more programs in the new library.

Programs tentatively planned by the library:

Movie program from Aptos will move to Capitola while closed.

Tech help

STEAM

Tales to Tails

System has talks:

Legal (staff)

Environmental

Money

Citizen Science (coordinated by a volunteer)

Programs that people want to see:

Kathlyn - environmental/nature/gardening program. Rispin connection.

We are partnering with the Historical Society, who is a sponsor. History programs?

Irene - healthy eating

Jaques - senior/youth programs

Mel - multicultural

Gayle thrift store clothing reconstruction.

Ron - fair Pastry cooking for men

Steve - local history

Toni - Fixit

Brenda - Haiku with watercolor

Heather - Wine appreciation

Meeting dates through 2020:

Monthly every third Saturday beginning January 18, 2020.