Capitola Chapter Friends of the Santa Cruz Library
Minutes, 4/21/18

1. Toni Campbell called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM.

2. Treasurer’s Report. Our bank balance is up to almost $13,000.

2. News: We have a revised website. The site will be expanded as the public kickoff comes in June. Gayle Ortiz updated us on the private campaign. In 8 months they have achieved our Tier 1 goal and are working on the Tier 2 goal. Tier 2 funds a separate set of items for the new library. She is hoping to exceed it and go to Tier 3, which funds a lasting endowment for the Capitola branch.

   Steve Walsh commented that the City website has links to interesting data. There’s a list of 7 pre-approved contractors, who will be bidding on the library. There’s a file with a link to all the drawings from Noll and Tam, up to date as of 2/8/18, including all the layouts and specs and project manual. Bogard Construction is managing the project. This is the same manager as Scotts Valley used.

3. Branch Closure: Melanee Barash said that the last open day is 4/28. Starting 5/1 they will be sorting and moving things out. Branch managers have already picked materials they wanted. The big final sale is 5/19-20. They have reached out to the community, including teachers, to see what they could use. Most staff will be at Live Oak and Aptos branches, with some aides at other branches. There will be 2 bookmobile stops in the Capitola area, twice a month and a book drop at Jade Street Community Park. Story time will be at Porter St Library. Make and Explore on Friday afternoons, which is crafts with a science background is going to the Children’s Museum of Discovery. Friend’s meetings while the new building is under construction are in the City Hall Community Room. Parking passes are available.

4. Public Campaign kickoff. The kickoff event will happen once the city is ready to start de/construction. There will be Neighbor to Neighbor events where you invite neighbors in and have a campaign member talk about the building. There’s a paver program for in front of the new library. There’ll be tabling, such as the Wednesday night concerts, and other events. There’s a possibility for larger community events to update the community.

   We discussed what kind of programming makes sense in the new library. Gayle suggested a focus on writing. Toni mentioned the paver program, that we would like to have a name for it.

   Toni asked that we bring someone new to the next meeting.

   Steve plans to meet with PTA groups before the end of the year to ask about the new library.

   Adjourned at 9:55 AM.

   Next Meeting June 16 at 9:00 AM at the Community Room at Capitola City Hall.