

Friends of the Capitola Branch Library

Chapter of the Friends of the Santa Cruz Libraries



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CAPITOLA BRANCH
PUBLIC LIBRARY

Meeting Minutes August 18, 2018

1. Introductions.

Toni called the meeting to order at 9:02 AM, and had everyone introduce themselves

2. Treasurer's report

Currently the book store and Amazon sales are bringing in around \$3000 a month. We have about \$24,500 in the bank. Counting money not deposited we are at almost \$26,000. Toni mentioned that store patrons are not necessarily the same as library patrons. Karen asked for DVD donations.

3. Comments from Melanee Barrish

Melanee is working at Felton and Live Oak.

4. Other News.

Geri talked about Banned Book week which is 9/23-29. The library has video recorded people talking about how banned books impacted their lives. The recording was in the bookstore.

5. Upcoming Sale Dates

Fridays 12-4, Sundays 12-4 and Saturdays 10-4.

6. Update on the new building

The low construction bid was about 23% too high. The project manager and bid winner have worked on cost reduction proposals. With the cost savings and future potential funding, we're in good shape. Measure S funds are higher than originally thought and we're waiting for JPA approval for more funds for Capitola, hopefully by September. We want to schedule ground breaking soon. On 7/26 the Capitola City Council meeting voted to approve the construction contract. After construction start we will announce the public campaign.

7. Discussion of potential Cap Friends' activities during the library closure.

Barbara Gorson will help us explore how we think library should be known in the community. We would like to identify a need in the library system that Capitola could provide that isn't there now. Barbara has talked about a library focused on local authors (writers). Toni asked what we can do now, during the period without a library building. An event? A local writers panel? Mystery writers? Someone from Scotts Valley to talk about what their Friends group does? Toni summarized the ideas as 1) a writers panel, 2) what other friends' groups are doing and 3) focus on writing topics. She will do outreach on Next Door to find out what people are interested in in Live Oak, Capitola and Soquel neighborhoods. The public campaign will talk about how the library provides more than just information. Gayle asked about sponsoring a larger space or specific items for the new library.

Next meeting:

September 15th, 9:00 – 10:00 in the Capitola City Hall Community Room 1. We may move this meeting to 10:00 AM, stay tuned and check the capitolalibraryfriends.org website.