



Capitola Library Friends Meeting Notes 4/13/24

Toni called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m. Eleven members attended.

- Bill gave the treasurer's report showing a steady increase in available funds;
- Toni summarized the library updates Eric had presented at the leadership meeting on 4/12/24;
- given that the cost of the membership in the Library Speakers Consortium (LSC) is \$4500, not the \$9500 we had initially expected, we agreed to fund the LSC for two years, not one in order to give the SCPL a good amount of time to test the value of the service for library patrons;
- Toni gave an update on the solar panel installation. She has requested a meeting with Nicole Coburn (County CAO office) to talk about our intentions for funding. Eric would like to attend that meeting;
- previously we set aside funding for bilingual story time experiences for preschoolers and book give away. Offering this is reliant on the hiring of a youth librarian for the Capitola branch, something that we have not had for quite some time. Instead of waiting even more time, we decided to approach the Children's Museum of Discovery in the mall about possibly partnering with them to hold such an event at their site;
- Diane Cowen, adult librarian, has yet to develop a plan for the \$3000 we allocated for her to bring additional authors to talk at the library. She asked for suggestions. The group had none but felt that they wanted to see progress on selecting and scheduling authors;
- there were three suggestions for programs to be held at the library
 - Mary's husband had enjoyed an OCR event at the Cap library that involved painting and wished that there could be a series of similar events;
 - Irene suggested a program in Denmark where patrons "can borrow a person instead of a book to listen to their life stories" (www.infotale.in);
 - Irene also suggested a book walk. A "book walk features one page of a story on an outdoor sign. As families walk along the path, parents and caregivers are invited to read each page aloud to their children" This is something we might organize in the mall or when there is a youth librarian, we could assist with implementing one at the library;
- we agreed to provide \$2000 to the SCPL for the 2024 summer reading program; and
- we scheduled our next meeting for 7/27/24.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05