



Capitola Library Friends Meeting Notes 10/12/24

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

- The group discussed activities at the bookstore. Gayle offered to provide tips for using Instagram to publicize the bookstore.
- Bill gave the treasurer's report showing a steady increase in our available funds.
- We agreed on a schedule of quarterly meetings for 2025. We will be meeting on the third Saturday of the months of January, April, July, and August.
- The solar panel project is moving slowly but it is moving. Alterra Solar has been selected by the County to develop the design criteria and the PO. The County staff hope to call a meeting with Alterra soon to discuss the scope of the project.
- Diane Cowen gave a report on the monthly Zentangle workshops for which the Cap Friends provide materials. Diane also talked about the upcoming author talk for which the Cap Friends funded the speaker's fee.
- Concerns about the Library Speakers Consortium were discussed. The Cap Friends would like to see a notification service through which interested library patrons could automatically be notified of online talks about two weeks before they occur. Diane said that she thought this could be done.
- We discussed library programming possibilities. There were quite a number of suggestions for various maker events (e.g., fabric activities, wood craving, fix-it workshops, hands-on activities of all sorts).
- The group suggested that the library staff consider putting out a workshop/event suggestion box for library patrons to use to make their ideas/wishes known.
- Finally, the group agreed to explore a staff appreciation budget for 2025. Toni will contact Mary Pukenis (branch manager) for her thoughts on what form this might take.

Meeting adjourned at 11:05

Next quarterly meeting: January 19, 2025