

West Sacramento Friends of the Library  
Board Meeting Minutes May 25, 2016

Board Members present: Helen MacDonald, Ken MacDonald, Susan Martimo, Lana Paulhamus, Past Board President Lynda Campbell, Past Secretary Carol Campbell and guest Nadine Bollard

Meeting called to order at 6:30 p.m. by President Helen MacDonald.

Announcements:

A proposed bill (AB2855), currently set for a vote in the California Assembly, would affect the non-profit community. Discussion was held regarding action WSFOL might want to take, i.e. registering opposition. Helen made a motion to oppose the proposed legislation, needs to be watched because of its ramifications to non-profits. A motion to send a letter to oppose the legislation was made by Helen, seconded by Susan. The motion passed by unanimous vote, with a caveat being Patty Wong's weigh in on the matter.

A document adopted by the Yolo Friends of the Library "Conflict of Interests and Ethics Policies, was distributed for Board review. The item will be put on the agenda for June's meeting for discussion and potential adoption.

A thank you was received from Elizabeth Gray for our participation in the 8<sup>th</sup> Yolo Reads Celebration.

No word has come from the River Cats per our request for River Cats tickets for the Summer Reading Program. If the request is granted, the tickets will be received approximately 4 weeks before August 15<sup>th</sup>, closing day of the Reading Program.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of April 27<sup>th</sup>, 2016:

Minutes were approved as written.

County Library Report: deferred.

Branch Report: Statistics for the month of March showed increases in number of programs provided and program attendance from March of 2015.

Treasurer's Report: Susan reported the receipt of our first check from the Amazon Smile program. The amount was \$5.00. With increased advertising, participation is hoped to increase. Susan will submit a check in the amount of \$4,000 toward the Over Drive Project, an approved 2016 budget appropriation. May financials were distributed.

Membership Report: Susan reported that we received one new member from our participation in the Big Day of Giving and we lost one member, Norma Edmonds, due to her death. Currently there are 64 paid members.

LAB Report: No meeting was held in May; the next meeting is scheduled for June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**Old Business:**

a. BIGDog: Helen presented a breakdown of BIGDog donors by category. The Board donations represented the largest donations by category, followed by WSFOL members – eight of whom donated. Disappointingly, only one donation came from a local business and that business's owner is a member. Ken requested the Board obtain fund raising strategy counseling and mentioned Babs

Sandeen as a potential instructor. The need to extend WSFOL's visibility was discussed and all Board members agreed that training is needed.

b. Annual Meeting and Dinner: Helen, Ken, and Susan toured the Bryte Garden Café on May 5<sup>th</sup> and were impressed with the facility, and Director Renee Collins's willingness to accommodate our needs and requests. The chosen date for the meeting is Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>. The Board has requested menus from the Café, one for \$12.00 a plate, one for \$15.00. Because the venue is on school grounds, no alcohol can be served. Possible speakers are being discussed.

c. Sacramento Republic FC Grant: with such a short window of opportunity the final filing date for the grant application passed before the application could be prepared and submitted.

**New Business:**

a. Book Sale "Bag of Books": Discussion was held and pros and cons were voiced regarding raising the price of the Sunday "Bag of Books" from the current price of \$3.00 to \$4.00. Ken made a motion to increase the cost. Susan made the second; motion carried.

b. Membership Fee Structure: Discussion was held regarding a potential raise in membership fees beginning in 2017. This topic will be added to the June meeting agenda for further discussion. Any decisions rendered will be brought forth and voted on at our annual meeting and dinner in October. Further discussion is needed before a recommendation is presented to the membership.

Meeting Adjourned 7:55 p.m. Lana Paulhamus, Secretary