

West Sacramento Friends of the Library
57th Annual Membership Meeting
October 19, 2017

Attendees: Members and Guests

A. President Alex Hirsch thanked the Bryte CAFE (Culinary Arts & Farm to Fork Education) students, Culinary Instructor Cheryle Sutton, and Renee Collins, Director of the Washington Adult School, as most welcome partners. At 7:17 PM, Alex called to order the meeting celebrating the 57th year of the Friends organization. He acknowledged two longtime members of the Friends who passed away in 2017: Joyce Miller and Don Avery.

B. Action

I. October 13, 2016 Annual Membership Meeting minutes were approved as presented.

II. Former president Lynda Campbell proposed the 2018 board nominations. After appealing for a volunteer to fill the treasurer position, the following officers were elected by acclamation:

President	Alex Hirsch
Vice President	Ken MacDonald
Secretary	Helen MacDonald

III. Amended WSFOL Bylaws were approved as presented.

C. Reports

I. Treasurer's Report: Alex introduced board Treasurer Susan Martimo who reported WSFOL's assets to be healthy as of September 30. A complete report will be in the January 2018 newsletter. Susan mentioned the \$3,700 raised from BIGDOG 2017, the \$3,000 in grant funding received from the River Cats Foundation and numerous generous donations received over the course of the year.

II. President's Message: Alex introduced and thanked dignitaries Yolo County Supervisor Oscar Villegas, West Sacramento Mayor Pro Tem Mark Johannessen and City Council Member Babs Sandeen; Past Board Presidents Lynda Campbell and Helen MacDonald; current Board members Ken MacDonald, Vice President; Helen MacDonald, Secretary; and Susan Martimo, Treasurer; newly appointed Yolo County Librarian/Archivist Mark Fink, and East Yolo Regional Manager Dana Christy. Dana introduced Arthur F. Turner Library staff members Shuqin Jiao, Sylvia Moreno, Cristina Ruiz, and Vaile Fujiwawa. Alex acknowledged all Friends volunteers and presented a video of branch library programs and activities held throughout the year. He highlighted specific moments and milestones:

- Said goodbye to Yolo County Librarian Patty Wong and hello to Mark Fink
- Said goodbye to East Yolo Regional Library Manager Rachel Hudson and hello to Dana Christy
- Thanked Nadine Bollard for accepting the position as Membership Chairperson

- Raised \$2,900 from Book Sales so far in 2017
- Raised over \$3,700 during Big Day of Giving and partnered with local Burgers and Brew to host a fundraising table for the event
- Participated in the Yolo County Library Night at the River Cats Game on May 26th
- Received \$250 from the Beverly Sandeen Marty Swingle Family Foundation
- Received \$3,000 grant check from the River Cats Foundation at the July 27th River Cats game. The grant funds were used to purchase 17 Chromebooks for the Teen Program at AFT.
- Translated the West Sacramento Friends of the Library membership brochure into Spanish and Russian
- Purchased “Library Right to Read” posters for the Library
- Strengthened online presence: new Website www.westsaclibfriends.org; Twitter and Facebook; City iLights; social media accounts
- Updated the membership bylaws
- Updated membership categories
- Created membership survey

Alex shared library news including the very successful solar eclipse watch party held on August 21st with several hundred in attendance. He concluded his report with a video of Dana Christy being introduced to the City Council by Supervisor Villegas, Dana’s report to the Council on programming and activities at AFT followed by Mayor Christopher Cabaldon’s expression of enthusiasm and support for the library.

D. Presentation: Carla Meyer

Carla shared her background in and love for film criticism. She noted her surprise when she was initially hired by *The Sacramento Bee* to critique restaurants rather than films. Carla discussed the ins and outs of reviewing Sacramento area restaurants and concluded by answering questions from the audience.

E. Drawing was held to award a cash prize to a member who had participated in the WSFOL survey.

E. Meeting was adjourned at 9:10 p.m.