**Friends of the Calaveras County Library**

**Zoom Board Meeting Minutes- February 10, 2021**

Zoom meeting called to order at 9:05 AM.

Present: Pru Starr, Diane Jarvi, Shirley Huberty, Karen Eggleston, Richard Raso, and Ray Waller.

Ex-Officio Members & Guests: Nancy Giddens (County Librarian), Phil Guttierrez (Literacy Director), Arlene Weissman (SA), Herb Pike (Arnold).

Absent: Valley Springs, Murphys, Copperopolis.

Minutes & Agenda: January Zoom minutes and todays agenda approved [M/S/A].

**REPORTS**

**Literacy** - Phil reported that he has put in a request to CCLS for the second installment of the grant money which is $3,500. To date he has received $4,165 from the tax inserts. He said the money is down from last year, but hopes they will collect at least $5,000. Currently 17 jail inmates are enrolled in literacy and receiving packets. Ann has been doing a weekly newsletter for inmates which is going well. [see attached]. Phil is meeting once a week at the new AC library to help two learners with their GED studies. Currently 22 students are enrolled.

**Librarian**-

* Recruitments:
* West Point Library Assistant position is still open.
* The Library Assistant 1 position in San Andrea is almost complete. Nancy is waiting for a follow-up meeting with the interested candidate.
* Children’s Programing: Nancy has submitted the request to open this recruitment, and has set a deadline of February 16th for applications.
* Angels Camp: The branch opened with shorter hours on January 27th. The AC Board is doing small group tours to people who helped with donating their time and or money.
* Zip Books: Nancy’s still hoping that this program will continue next year, but will not know for sure until the State’s final budget approval in June.
* Firewall & Filter subscriptions: When Broadband was installed, the library purchased a 3-year subscription for firewalls and filters which have protected our public computers and brought us into compliance with the Children’s Internet Protection Act. The subscription is up for renewal in May. The cost is $17,100 for an additional 3 years. This information was received too late for Nancy to include it in her 20/21 budget. Therefore, she is asking for help from each Friends group to pay for this cost. The cost per computer is $490. Nancy will send an email to each Board, explaining this further.
* Summer Reading 2021: the theme this year is *“Reading Colors Your World*”. There are so many possibilities that we can come up with using color. Nancy wants to use the take-away packets again this year. Plans are beginning to take shape as to the contents of the packets that will be distributed to each child who participates. Nancy will be reaching out to branch assistants for their input, and Nancy hopes to have more information by next month’s meeting.
* Lunch at the Library: Nancy is hoping to have the program up and running again this summer. She has reached out to the man in Amador who is ready to help prepare the lunches for us again. Nancy will talk with Ray Waller to see if there is a need for the L@L to be offered in Moke Hill. More on this in the next few months.

**Treasurer**: Chloe emailed everyone the January 2021 Treasurer’s report. [See attached copy]. Shirley Huberty commented that we have a bank balance of $26,037.05. Our Fidelity Fund balance is currently $952,386.65. [M/S/A].

**OLD BUSINESS**

Bookmobile Fundraising: The fundraising committee has not met recently, and Bob was not at our meeting today. Arlene & Richard spoke briefly about what they have been working on. Because we are already into the month of February, and we haven’t started the actual fundraising campaign, there was concern expressed as to when this is going to start.

Pru received a text from Annie Robb in Arnold asking many questions regarding the fundraising efforts. After much discussion, it was decided that Pru will reach out to Annie & Marcy Powers in Arnold to see if they will spear head further work on the fundraising effort. Shirley suggested that we offer to pay someone $15 an hour to oversee this. A motion was made to have Pru find a Fundraising Coordinator to oversee the Book Mobile fundraising cause. This individual will report to the FOTCCL. [M/S/A] Motion passed.

Richard raised the question as to how we want to recognize large donors. Will we do a plaque or something along those lines? This question, along with others, will be answered at later meetings. Shirley will check with Chloe to see how much money has been received so far.

**BRANCH REPORTS**

Angels Camp: The AC Board will be having an open house this next Monday, 2/15 at 11:00 for anyone interested in viewing the new library. They will be hosting their second drive thru *“Soups On”* fundraiser on Feb. 18th and will be serving Broccoli- Cheddar soup.

Arnold: Still working on their outside mural. Looking to purchase another shed to store used books. Annie has secured a book deal with Baker & Taylor for “book leasing”, which Nancy spoke of briefly.

Copper: No report

Moke Hill: Ray mentioned that they have purchased some new bookshelves that will be used for their used book sales. Their outdoor mural on the side of the building is almost complete, and looks awesome.

Murphys: No report

San Andreas: Gave Nancy $100 for books for *Black History* month. They are also looking into possibly purchasing some children’s facemasks for Dr. Seuss week.

Valley Springs: No report

West Point: Will be hosting a drive thru Valentine event this Saturday from 1-2:30. They have prepared 35 cute bags filled with goodies that will be distributed to kids who come by.

Meeting adjourned at 10:45.

**Next zoom meeting will be on March 10th at 9:00.**

Minutes submitted by: Diane Jarvi