**Friends of the Calaveras County Library**

 **Zoom Board Meeting Minutes- August 10, 2022**

Meeting called to order at 9:05.

Members Present: Pru Starr (President/West Point) Diane Jarvi (Secretary/AC FOTL), Richard Raso (Arnold FOTL), Carolyn Lipnick (Copper FOTL), Nancy Murray (MVL FOTL), Maryann Evans (VS FOTL), Karen Eggleston (SA FOTL).

Ex-Officio Members & Guests: Nancy Giddens (County Librarian), Bob Dean (At-large).

Members Absent: Phil Guttierez, Ray Waller, Shirley Huberty.

Minutes & Agenda: June minutes approved [M/S/A]. Today’s agenda approved [M/S/A].

**Literacy** - Phil out sick today. Nancy reported there are currently 21 learners.

**Librarian Report:** Nancy has continued to interview candidates for the rover position at Murphys + Bookmobile; West Point permanent position; and Copper extra hire position.

Zip Books: We have received an extension for our grant period until August 31st. All money will be expended by that time.

Bookmobile: The Bookmobile continues to have a battery problem. Mercedes did a diagnostic test and determined there is a significant drain on the battery if the motor is turned off. They suspect the chair lift mechanism is causing the problem. Nancy needs to take the bookmobile to a Mercedes dealer for repairs.

OutreachMediaPerson**:** Amber Rack is our Facebook page Administrator and she can now post for us. Send her information about branch events.

New Broadband Contract: Nancy has been able to purchase 12 new public computers with the refund she received in June. The MVL’s gift ($9,000) she received will allow her to purchase an additional 9 computers. Because of this, she believes there **will not** be a need for any FOTL group to purchase anything this fiscal year.

Summer Reading Program: We had a total of 716 children register this year. She will give a more detailed report next month.

Astronomy Night: On Saturday, July 23, the SA branch hosted an Astronomy Night at the Library with programs and star viewing through the telescopes of 3 volunteers. Face painting, temporary space tattoos, and other items kept the kids entertained. The FOTSA and library staff provided hot dogs, chips, fruit, deviled eggs and cookies. Approximately 70 people attended and had a great time.

Lunch at the Library 2022: We served a total of 2,354 lunches during the 6 week period we provided lunch this year. This number is very close to our number in 2020 when we had 6 weeks of free lunch. There is a need for this program.

Workforce Databases: Nancy received notification from the SLA that our lack of use in the “Linked-In-Learning” application may affect our future continuation of this service.

[For further information, please refer to the attached full report.]

**Treasurer**: Current balance as of 7/31/22 is $130,160.35. Financial report approved [M/S/A]. [See attached report].

**OLD BUSINESS:** Both the bookmobile launch and campaign work is on-going. The patio update is on-going as well. No new reports.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Teen Volunteers: Two amazing teens have helped Nancy throughout this summer. They are Taylor & Perrin Horn. Both girls would like to continue working some hours at the library if the Friends are willing to let them do that. Nancy would like us to help Taylor with her upcoming college needs. She will be starting Delta College in Stockton with a view to transfer to Davis (where she has already been accepted).

**\*A budget line item motion was made to provide educational support for individuals working within the library system. The Board recommended we set aside $5,000 on an annual basis for this support. Up to $1,000 per grant application will be awarded to the individual at the discretion of the County Librarian. Any additional support would require approval of the County Board. [M/S/A].**

Nancy recommended we give Taylor $500. Nalatie Alpers will begin her enrollment in the Masters of Information Services (MIS) this week. Nancy recommended we give her $1,000.

Bookmobile Security: Nancy will be checking into security for the Bookmobile. She will make sure “theft” is included in the insurance policy. She has signs outside the rear of the SA library saying “camera surveillance”, even though there is no actual video. Suggestions were made to check into a “cut-off switch” for the van, and purchase of an actual video surveillance system. Ongoing next month.

West Point Storytime support: Nancy will look into on-going support on Fridays in WP. COVID has been a big problem in that area.

Volunteer of the County Fair 2023: Richard sent Nancy a check list of things that need to be gone for next years Fair. She will send a copy to each Friends group. Nancy has already paid for the space we had this past year.

Annual Meeting: The next annual meeting will be held on October 12th at the SA library from 10-12. Food will be provided by Subway. We will invite our new Poet Laureate. Votes and recommendations will be taken for new Board Member positions.

**BRANCH REPORTS**

Angels Camp: A Book Sale at the GHC Yard Sale on 5/28 was very successful. The Library Quilt was raffled off on July 4th, and made close to $2,000 for the branch.

Arnold: The Bookmobile was at the July 4th parade and was a big success. They will have another Book Sale on Labor Day. A lunch is scheduled with a Master Gardener.

Copper: Propane customers in Copper who donate $50 to the library will receive $0.25 off their usage/units.

Moke Hill: No report.

Murphys: No report.

San Andreas: The Book & Yard sale made $1,143. The Board contribute $250 to the Summer Reading program prizes. They provided food and drink to the Astronomy night.

Valley Springs: Still planning on their Melodrama at the end of September. Interviewing for more help.

West Point: No report.

Meeting adjourned at 10:40. Minutes submitted by Diane Jarvi.

**Next meeting will be in on September 14th at 9:00 in San Andreas.**