



## **Regular monthly meeting ~ Minutes for April 4, 2024**

In attendance: Gale, Coni, Lynn McN, Denise, Jim, Ofelia, Jodi, Tricia, Carolyn, Shirley, Sandy, Lalo, Karolin, Rowan, Lynn MW

Gale called the meeting to order at 5:00 pm.

**Finances - Jodi** \$550 in book sales and \$100 in donations for March. Working account balance is \$44,800. For OCR the combined income from Aptos (\$3300) and other Chapters (\$3800) was \$7100. Our expenses were ~ \$6700 but we had budgeted \$7000. To date grand opening expenses including cash and value-in-kind are \$2919.

**OCR - Denise** The committee is beginning to look at book selection reading for 2025 and will most likely meet in June. All interested folks are welcome to attend the meeting. 2024 contributions to OCR from the different chapters were the following: \$1500 from each Scotts Valley and Capitola; \$500 from Felton and \$300 from LSB.

**Programming Committee Report - Tricia** This newly formed committee met for the first time 4/3. Many ideas were generated for programming. Next meetings will focus on priorities.

**Art Committee - Lynn McN** Wall mounting for artwork has been received and should be installed by 5/1. The group was informed that 4 artists can have their work displayed at one time. On-going projects include an outside art installation and follow-up on the chain link fencing. The group was informed that the county owns the library building but the library runs it so sometimes projects are complicated.

**FSCPL - Debby/Lynn MW** Monica, our interim ED for the FSCPL, has signed another 3-month contract until June 30th. A job description for the new ED position has been advertised and the Friends are getting responses. Also, a good response has been received to our posted notice for potential new Board members.

### **President's report - Gale**

Steering Committee - A basic steering committee which includes four officers, President (Gale), Vice President/chapter representative (Debby), Secretary (Lynn MW), and Treasurer (Jodi) and an extended steering committee including Denise (OCR), Tricia (programming), Lynn McN (art), Ofelia (website) and Jim (website/graphics) was proposed. In addition, it was proposed that the Steering committee authorize up to \$1000 in expenditures without the approval of Chapter group members as long as the expenditure did not cover a new project or if the Chapter funds fall below \$25,000.

M/S Lynn McN/Tricia. After discussion, the motion passed with a majority vote with the clarification that there would be a reporting out of any expenditure at the following Chapter meeting.

Library stickers - The extended steering committee authorized \$660 for the library's request to order more stickers.

Library Improvements - Patio furniture is on-site and should be installed around 5/1 after pressure washing and sealing.

Also the new art hanging system should be installed around 5/1. Friends are responsible for hanging artwork and not the library. Still working on options for the side fencing.

We have asked the library if plaques could be put up on the three public patios acknowledging that we provided the patio furniture. This would highlight that the Friends have contributed. Most likely the Friends would pay for these plaques.

Owl for hybrid programs - Library has requested this camera meeting zoom system for hybrid meetings and programs. The system provides a much better user experience for remote meetings. Currently the library is using Capitola's system. The system is about \$1300. Agreed to follow up at the next meeting.

Grand Opening party - An opening library celebration in coordination with the Summer Reading kickoff is scheduled for June 1st. There will be various kids' activities. The Aptos Friends will have an information table but there will be no refreshments.

Book Sales - Discussion rolled over to next meeting.

**Miscellaneous** - Tricia asked volunteers to contact her if they were interested in helping at the Live Like Cocoa: Run for Reading event at Pinto Lake County Park on Saturday April 20th.

We adjourned at 6:10pm. Next meeting is May 2nd at 5:00 at the Aptos Library.