



## Monthly meeting — April 7, 2022

Gale Farthing (president), Dinah Davis, Ofelia Garcia, Shirley Ginsberg, Coni Hendry, Sandy Laue, Lynn Marcus-Wyner, Virginia Morris, Debby Peronto, Jodi Pratt, Susan Schenk, Denise Ward, Jim Bourne

Gale started the meeting at 5:02 PM and introduced guest Tom Kellogg.

**Tom Kellogg** is an amateur astronomer who is proposing a library astronomy program that would use the branch's telescope(s). We discussed the idea of the Aptos Friends hosting the program, possibly at Cabrillo until the branch reopens. Tom would like to start in late fall. Ofelia and Shirley will look into the possibilities.

### **FINANCES – GINNY**

The Deluxe Market money has come in, a little over \$5,000. This money has gone into the chapter coffers, not the capital campaign. The Deluxe money, plus money from the capital campaign, minus the Big Friends' percentage, adds up to about \$10,000 for the quarter.

The book carts — Pacific Coffee and the Farmers Market — brought in about \$250 last month.

### **REBUILD**

**Gale:** There is still no date for the tear-down.

**Coni:** The architects received the plan check comments from the County, and returned them on April 1. The Public Arts Committee has selected an artist (name not revealed), subject to Supervisors' approval on 5/24.

### **OCR**

**Denise** said there were 304 attendees this year, slightly down from last year, but there were 37 survey responses, up from last year. There was general agreement that two of the programs were unsuccessful, and **Denise** said the lesson learned was that we need to vet the presenters more rigorously in the future.

### **BIG FRIENDS**

**Debby** noted that the committees are meeting, and progress is being made, although much remains to be accomplished.

**Lynn Marcus-Wyner** reported on the Downtown Library meeting at the Pacific United Church. She said the opponents of the mixed-use building did a very good job, with a polished and coherent presentation, and that the proponents were not as well prepared. She said the event felt somewhat like a set-up, with the audience loaded toward the opposition. She detected a distrust of local government and a concern about open space and heritage trees.

### **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

April 16 Farmers Market table: 8-10 AM, Debby and Denise; 10 AM – noon, Sandy and Dinah.

May 21 Farmers Market table: 8-10 AM, Gale & Jim; 10 AM – noon, Sandy & Denise

There will be an OCR celebration (all invited) at Aptos Village Park on April 8 (Friday), from noon to 2 PM. Bring your own food and, if you like, something to share.

April 14 (Thursday): Aptos Chamber of Commerce breakfast (7:30 AM) at Seascape Golf Club. Yolande Wilburn will speak. Gale and Jim, Sandy, Heather P, Tricia, Denise, Debby, and Jodi will attend. We'll have a library table.

Recent chapter presidents' meeting: Eric Howard confirmed May 7 re-opening for Boulder Creek. Heather Norquist said Summer Reading will run from June 1 through July 31. Aptos programs will take place at Anna Jean Cummings ("Blue Ball") Park in Soquel. It was noted that Soquel isn't Aptos.

Book Sale -- We discussed having the book sale at the Aptos Grange the weekend of June 10-12, with set-up on Friday and a two-day sale on Saturday and Sunday. The Grange has tables, and books are stored in Lorraine Sintetos' garage, sorted and boxed. Gale asked for volunteers for a Book Sale Committee, and Debby offered to help. We discussed publicity, which will be a big part of making the sale successful. Jim will make flyers, Denise will contact the media, Ofelia will send out to the mailing list, Gale will post on Aptosia and Next Door. We will need a sign at Soquel.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:04 PM.