



## Monthly meeting — October 5, 2023 Friends of the Aptos Library

### Regular monthly meeting ~ Minutes for October 5, 2023

The meeting, held at Capitola Library, was called to order at 5:00 by Gale.

In attendance: Jodi, Gale, Jim, Shirley, Lynn MW, Debby, Tricia, Ofelia, Denise, Annelise, Sandy, Coni.

- Jodi gave an update on the budget. She has been working hard with FSCPL (Bruce and Keith) to better understand the budgeting process. We made \$190 in revenue between the OCR voting party, the farmers market and the book cart. We have 2 CD's-- one of which will mature soon and we have a healthy balance in our general account. The draft of the budget was circulated.
- Coni discussed the hard work being done on the donor wall and the opening day brochure. Lynn and Coni have worked hard on both of these items. And Tricia and Cindy Jackson have been very helpful.
- Denise reported on the OCR Voting Party. It was well attended and the book presentations went really well. The room was standing room only-- 60 plus attendees. *The Monk of Mokha* was selected and the committee is working very hard on programs. We hope that the author, David Eggers, will attend -- there is good conversation on a venue for that event.
- Debby reported on the FSCPL-- the downtown library is taking up lots of time, energy and bandwidth. There is a consultant to help with the fundraising. We have already had a generous donation to this effort. FSCPL was also selected for Santa Cruz Gives-- this is good news. The program will raise funds for resources for the incarcerated in our county.
- Gale discussed the work on the new website, the Aptos Chamber Business Showcase. At the Showcase, we found a performer for the opening day party. The Seacliff Improvement Association Street Fair is coming up. Volunteers (Debby, Lynn MW, Coni and Tricia) will talk about the library and OCR. We will do bookmarks.
- We also talked about doing a Dine-In day at a local restaurant in the future, maybe Erik's, Soul Salad or Whale City Bakery. Finally, we talked about the importance of modest, annual dues for our members. We tabled that discussion.
- Branch update-- Yolande is retiring and moving. PG&E is scheduled to hook up power on the 15th. Books will be stacked soon.

We adjourned at 6:00. Next meeting will be at Capitola Library on November 2nd.