



Regular monthly meeting ~ Minutes for May 2, 2024

In attendance: Gale, Debby, Tricia, Carolyn, Sandy, Karolin, Susan, Shirley, Ofelia, Jodi, Rowan, Coni, Lynn McN, Lynn MW, Jim, Heather

Gale called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

Fence Proposal – Damon Adlao

Simple redwood fence options were presented to the group. The fence would include alternating 1.5 x 1.5 pickets using the existing metal posts. The contractor would be willing to do a mockup of the fence for us once a contract is signed. The estimate is \$24K but this could change depending on any changes we suggest. Sealing, staining and maintenance costs are not included in the estimate.

There was also a fair amount of discussion about using plant vines for fencing. Majority agreed that wooden fencing would be a better way to proceed. Two people voted for a plant fencing and 2 people abstained.

Follow-up: With respect to costs - Gale is going to check whether we have extra funds from the FSCPL. Tricia is following up on a couple of potential donations. Gale will send an email to Damon.

Finances - Jodi \$449 book sales from our library shelf and from \$200 on-line book sales for a total of ~\$650 for month of April. We received over \$845 interest for March on our CD certificate.

OCR – Gale for Denise The committee is meeting in June to look at potential book selection reading for 2025.

Programming Committee Report - Tricia

For 2024 there will be two Friends sponsored programs: 1) “Apples in Aptos” in September and 2) “Surviving the Holidays” sometime in November or December.

For 2025 there will be three Friends sponsored programs: 1) in conjunction with UCSC Humanities Institute, 2) “How to spot Fake News” and 3) “The Night Sky”.

Details for all programs are in process. These programs will be at no cost to the Friends.

Art Committee - Lynn McN First meeting took place today (05/02). Artwork will be displayed on a 3-month rotating basis with a potential unifying theme. Multiple artists will display their art works during each interval. Thinking about display cases to be located in one or two locations in the library for 3-dimensional art.

FSCPL - Debby/Lynn MW The Friends have 3 potential new Board members who have been invited to the Friends monthly Board meeting. The ED job description has been

posted and applications are being reviewed. Monica (the interim Friends ED) has reviewed the Donor Perfect database and removed over 18,000 erroneous names (many of these were duplicates/triplicates). Donor Perfect charges are dependent on the number of donors listed. This action has saved the Friends about \$550/month in charges. Working on a Code of Conduct for volunteers.

President's report - Gale

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. Cost is \$1500

Motion: to fund the Library buying an Owl system. M/S Tricia/Jim - passed unanimously

Book Sales – There was very active discussion on whether the Friends should hold a book sale at the library. Since the community room is very popular, the room was reserved for a tentative book sale from 11 – 3 with set up 9 – 11 on August 24th. Further discussion was rolled over to the next Chapter meeting.

Grand Opening party - Scheduled for June 1st. Aptos Friends will have a table and volunteers were requested from 10 – 2. Sandy, Shirley and Karolin volunteered.

Branch Update – Heather

Inquiry by the Aptos Chamber if the Aptos Friends want to buy an Aptos village “brick”. Follow-up to determine costs.

Joint Powers Authority (JPA) met for the 1st time in the community room and toured the Branch Library. The JPA approved a Code of Conduct policy that will be put into effect at all branch libraries. They are looking into getting more funding for collections.

We adjourned at 6:15pm. Next meeting is June 6th at 5:00 at the Aptos Library.