

CORRECTED MAY 18, 2015 (in red)

**FRIENDS OF THE AMADOR COUNTY LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF
April 21, 2015**

ATTENDANCE

PRESENT: JoAnn Chevrette, Jan Hewitt, Jim Powell, Michele Powell, Elizabeth Rhein, Rick Sprenkel, Sandra Sullivan, Bonnie Toy; Laura Einstadter (ex officio)

ABSENT: Janie Brown (excused), Ed Pogue (unexcused)

GUESTS: Jack Mitchell, Amador Ledger Dispatch; Stan Lukowicz

INVITED GUEST, NOT PRESENT: Nina Machado, Read Across Amador (illness)

President called the meeting to order at 9:00am and declared a quorum.

M/S/P: J Powell/Sprenkel/unanimous to accept the March 17, 2015 minutes.

CORRESPONDENCE

Sullivan received a phone call re donated books. Brown returned call; books had been donated elsewhere.

Letter from Book Prospector (see Committees > Book Sale)

TREASURER'S REPORT

03/14/15 through 04/13/15 report (attachment #1).

There were no questions regarding this report.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

1. Budget was presented to the Amador County Board of Supervisors 04/20/15. Essentially the same amount as last year but allocated into different accounts.
2. District 2 Supervisor Richard Forster acknowledged for Ione branch library renovations.
3. Discussion: Ongoing Pine Grove issue about lack of safe parking in the current library location, and related parking, relocation, and building ownership issues. Noreen Williamson, who led the former Library Improvement Task Force, will speak to Sharon Lundgren of Volcano Communications about relocating into a Volcano Communications property.
Einstadter will attend 04/28/15 County Supervisors meeting which has this issue on the agenda.
4. Child Activity Night at the Margaret Dalton Center is 05/06/15. The library will have a table promoting summer events.
5. Zip Books program is continuing. Patrons sometimes don't realize they need to return the books to the library for consideration for the library's collection.
6. Interlibrary loan and cataloging cost is approximately \$8,000/year.
7. Mango is paid from library budget.
8. Library orientation for new board members 04/06/15
Attending: Chevrette; Absent: Hewitt, Pogue

9. Requests

NoveList+

\$2,515 for 07/1/15 – 06/30/16 subscription.

Discussion as to whether this funding was previously approved.

M/S/P: M Powell/J Powell/unanimous.

Select Reads Light (fka Book News) / New Book Alerts

\$2,175

Discussion: No usage reports available. Holds have increased which implies usage. Costs have risen but more automation has been introduced, which saves staff time. Circulation numbers remained constant even with reduced hours.

Action: Einstadter to keep records of usage.

M/S/P: Rhein/M Powell/unanimous

OLD BUSINESS

DIGITIZING AMADOR LEDGER DISPATCH MICROFILM

Discussion with guests:

Stan Lukowicz. Pledge is \$5,000. Proposes to present check to FACL at a private fundraiser for about 50 people that he will host on a Wednesday or Thursday evening at the National Hotel, date to be determined. He will invite the guests. Subsequently, a second, larger fundraiser for the public will be held at Thomi's.

Jack Mitchell. Will provide a history display from the Ledger Dispatch for the fundraisers. Working with California Newspaper Publishers' Association on an agreement giving a rights release to FACL and the library. Meeting with the Rancheria on 04/24/15. Ledger Dispatch pledge is \$5,000. Writing an editorial and will be creating an ad campaign; all materials will be approved by FACL before publication. Has talked informally with Amador Community Foundation about support.

Action: Rhein and Mitchell to discuss outcome of Rancheria meeting and further details week of 04/27/15.

NEW BUSINESS

READ ACROSS AMADOR (formerly Amador Literacy Coalition)

Rhein presented notes from RAA meeting 03/23/15 (attachment #2). Einstadter presented notes from Nina Machado 04/21/15 email (attachment #3). Discussion: Little Libraries.

Resolutions, not voted:

FACL will be a participating organization in RAA. Rhein will attend meetings and report to FACL board. Next RAA meeting: 04/29/15, 10 a.m., First 5, 975 Broadway, Jackson.

FACL will not be the fiscal sponsor for RAA.

2015-2016 FACL OFFICERS

Sullivan reported that the election has been held. 5 votes were cast.

Slate: Sprenkel, President; Gail Smyth, Vice-President; J Powell, Treasurer; Rhein, Secretary.

Smyth resigned from board during election process. Sprenkel to appoint Brown as vice-president.

Toy will be appointed as an assistant treasurer. Toy will discuss treasurer issues with Einstadter.

BOARD LIST

(See attachment #4. Secretary's note: this attachment is the list in effect as of the time of this meeting.) Sullivan requests all board members to verify accuracy. Einstadter will not be included on board emails unless relevant.

OFFSITE

Sprenkel announced June offsite plans, to cover these topics: plans for next few years; concert; newsletter; digitization; additional fundraising, including bookstore; structure; involvement of non-board members; review of currently involved people. Sprenkel will identify dates when all officers are available. Sullivan discussed past offsites.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

MEMBERSHIP

Sprenkel presented report (attachment #5). Discussion: recruiting lapsed members. J Powell appointed as membership maintenance.

BOOK SALES

Treasurer's report submitted (attachment #6)

[Secretary's note: Treasurer also submitted Magnus Berglund book sales report through 03/27/15 (attachment #7), which was not discussed.]

Discussion:

Stan Lukowicz expects to keep the book room building at least 2-3 years more. The upstairs could be available to FACL. A bookstore was suggested (M Powell). We could use an empty building of Stan's as a bookstore. He said, "I would be amenable to that." We might have to pay our own electric sometime in the future.

Sullivan: do we need semi-annual book sales; annual sale plus a bookstore could be enough.

Sullivan presented Book Prospector correspondence. Discussion: Book Prospector buys books from Friends and libraries via a website (bookprospector.com); fundraising possibility. We would need one or more volunteers to enter ISBN numbers onto BP site. Question as to whether BP could be an alternative to a store. No action taken.

Sprenkel will be unavailable during October 2015 and April 2016 book sales.

The Board brought the issue of the uneven sidewalk outside the book room to Stan Lukowicz's attention.

WEBSITE

Correction needed: newsletter is published 3 times a year, not quarterly.

NEWSLETTER

J Powell will continue as newsletter producer. A newsletter content editor is needed. Rotary magazine recently published a story promoting libraries.

Action: Rhein will provide a copy to J Powell for next newsletter.

PUBLICITY

No report.

ANNUAL CONCERT

Final report (attachment #8) presented.

Resolution, not voted: There will be a 2016 concert. Date: Sunday, February 21 or 28.

Location: The Call Church. Committee: Hewitt, M Powell. Dave Stamey will be asked if available either of those dates. Concert needs a chairman. M Powell polling 2015 committee re desire for continued involvement; results not complete.

RECORDS RETENTION

Toy has received binders, Helen Bierce records. Sullivan will provide records in her possession to Toy.

Open issues: Google Docs has not been explored. Records will be scanned and digitized. Uncertainty of what must be kept. Location needed to store records. J Powell suggested book room.

ADJOURNMENT

Sullivan adjourned the meeting at 11:07 a.m.

NEXT MEETING

The next regular meeting will be on Tuesday, May 19, 2015 at the GSA Building.

Respectfully submitted,
Elizabeth Rhein
Acting Secretary