

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY MINUTES January 9, 2024

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Vice President, Marci Homer, in the library conference room at 1:00 PM.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Gay Girard, Barbara Hartsell, Sue Henderson, Donald Hess, Marci Homer, Judy Mullins, Amparo Navarro, Yvonne Reynolds, Susan Sawyer, Burt Smith and guest, Johnny Padilla

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Members recited the Pledge of Allegiance

INTRODUCTIONS: Johnny Padilla, Communications Coordinator for the Patterson Unified School district was introduced.

MINUTES: The minutes of the November 11, 2023 meeting were read and a couple of corrections were noted as follows: Under Treasurer' s Report: Yvonne Reynolds made a motion to continue with paper statements from the bank, rather than going digital. Under Book Sale Report: Yvonne Reynolds name should not have been listed as part of the Book Sale Committee. Under Adjournment: It should have read our next meeting will be January 9, 2024. (Corrections have been made to the November 11, 2023 minutes.)

TREASURER'S REPORT: Tresurer, Sue Henderson, reported that the balance as of November 11, 2023 was \$8,608.62. With expenses and deposits, the current balance as of January 9, 2024, is \$8,821.54 plus \$80 in the cash box. Barbara Hartsell asked if we are saving money for a particular purpose and if not, could we increase the amount of the scholarship that we give to PRIDE. There was discussion with a couple of people not in favor. However, Barbara made a motion to increase the amount of our scholarship from \$600 to \$1,000. Motion was seconded by Sue Henderson and motion passed. Amparo asked if there is a new law as to how much we, as a non-profit organization, can keep in our account. The treasurer knows of no such law. She said we give the library \$500 in petty cash as needed and pay for other programs during the year.

HISTORIAN: Donald Hess compiled the Friends of the Library Achievements for 2023 and gave copies to Sue, the treasurer, to include in the membership envelopes for 2024 and also copies to the lifetime members.

BOOK SALE REPORT: Trudy wasn't at the meeting but Marci said she sent her the dates for our next two book sales. They are: April 22, Set up, April 23, 24 & 25 for the book sale. Then October 21, Set up, October 22, 23 & 24 for the book sale.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Susan Sawyer said the library has started the Wiggle Worms story time on Mondays at 10:30. Also Wednesday afternoon activities are continuing.

She said December was slower but that was probably because of the holidays. There was discussion about the movie licensing and, for various reasons, Susan said she didn't think it was in the best interest of the library to pursue it at this time. Susan said they still have money left in the craft fund; but she would like to ask for some funds for purchases to help bring more teens to the library. These include refreshments (pizza) for a teen book club discussion group which Josh is going to lead. Also a Nintendo Switch gaming program, accessories and games. Susan had an itemized list of the system and it totaled \$622.55. Susan said that they would have the game day/night once a month and that a library staff member would supervise. Yvonne made a motion to give the library the money for the Nintendo gaming system. Burt Smith seconded and motion passed.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Insurance – Marci said that Susan Guest, president, mentioned that our liability insurance needs to be paid but Sue Henderson, treasurer, said she didn't have paperwork to know how much to pay. It was decided to wait till next month when Susan Guest is back.

By-Laws – At the November meeting, Susan Guest gave everyone a copy of our by-laws to read and discuss. Since Susan was not able to attend today's meeting because of illness, it was decided to wait till our February meeting to discuss the by-laws.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: Yvonne Reynolds asked if the library has ever done a Scholastic Book Fair. Yvonne said in this community reading scores are low. There was discussion and it was noted that at the Day of the Children free books were given out. Also, the Friends donated to the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. Susan Sawyer said she will check with the Modesto Library regarding a Scholastic Book Fair.

Johnny Padilla extended an invitation for representatives of the Friends of the Library to attend a United Patterson Meeting on January 25th at 3:45 PM at the School District Office. This is a meeting of school district personnel, community members and local businesses for the purpose of sharing news relevant to Patterson students. Mr. Padilla thinks it would be an opportunity to learn of resources available and get information to the schools regarding our book sales, etc. Amparo Navarro and Gay Girard volunteered to attend the meeting as representatives of the Friends of the Patterson Library.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 2:00 pm to sort books.

Our next meeting will be February 12, 2024 at 1:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Judy Mullins, Secretary