

FRIENDS OF THE LA MESA LIBRARY

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GENERAL MEMBERHIP MEETING

Thursday, July 28, at 4:30 p.m.

in the Friends Bookstore within the La Mesa Community Library

Topics to include:

- Election of Board members
- Review of FY 2016/17 budget
- Membership comments

This is a very important meeting because members will elect board officers for the next two years and will review the proposed budget for the coming fiscal year.

I am pleased to announce that all of the current officers and board members have agreed to be listed on the ballot. However, this board has been in place for over five years. It would be helpful to have new perspectives involved. I strongly encourage you to consider serving in whatever capacity you are comfortable with. If you would like more information about a board position and/or would like to have your name added to the ballot, please contact me at the phone or email address listed below. Eligible members can also be nominated from the floor at the meeting.

The proposed budget for next year includes some changes as declining revenues from the Bookstore have made the board more cautious about expenditures for matching funds and programming. It is prudent for the Friends to maintain a savings fund to assist with repairs to the existing library. It is also important to be prepared to assist with improvements in the event that the City of La Mesa decides to proceed with new developments in the Civic Center block. As you may know, the Friends continue to advocate that any such plans include more space for our library.

As always, please feel free to e-mail me at <u>jcschmitz@hotmail.com</u> or call (619) 460-1744 to share your comments and suggestions, or to ask about anything pertaining to the Friends of the La Mesa Library.

Sincerely,

John Schmitz

President