

Friends of the La Mesa Library  
**Regular Board Meeting Minutes**  
December 1, 2017

**Attendance: Present:** Board Members Bob Duff, Joyce Purcell, John Schmitz, Eileen Schmitz, and Heather Pisani-Kristl (Library ex-officio).

Excused Absences: Deborah Ives, Bob Thatcher, and Lyn Dedmon (City ex-officio).

Guests: Jonathan Lange and Justin Walker.

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. John introduced new FOL members, Jonathan Lange and Justin Walker, who are interested in using their skills to help the Friends.

**Approval of the Minutes:** The minutes of October 26, 2017, were approved as read.

**Treasurer's Report:**

Bob had emailed the Financial Statements for October to Board Members prior to this meeting. The Statements were moved, seconded, and accepted.

**President's Report:** John Schmitz

- John and Heather met with the La Mesa Women's Club at their November 8 evening meeting. As a result they signed up as a group member for the next two years.
- John was contacted by Lorenzo Ramos who has a business called Operation Book Support (OBS) that offers to sort and sell Friends book donations online. He returns 30% of sales proceeds. John spoke to the San Carlos Friends who are working with OBS but only for a few months. Bonita is another Friends group that OBS works with but John hasn't contacted them yet. He hopes to bring OBS up at the next County Friends meeting in January to see who else may use them and what their experience has been. John will also discuss with Deborah but the consensus is to wait several months to see how it works for other Friends groups before making a decision.

**Library Staff:** Heather Pisani-Kristl

- Kim Navarro has left the Part-Time Tech I position. Interviews are taking place for a replacement.
- The Second Saturday concerts venue has been moved from the Children's area to the periodical area. John suggested that the Friends might be a source of funding for more improvements to that area for future programming.
- The Toddler Storytime draws 45 - 50 participants. Other children's programs continue to be very popular as well.
- The Children's Music Group will be featured performers on June 10, 2018, as part of the Library's 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.
- Although Heather mentioned to John that she may ask for additional funding for Children's materials, she now thinks they may be able to work within the budget by shifting funds from other activities.

**Membership Report:** Joyce Purcell

- Membership is up to 130.
- Joyce announced implantation of a new benefit for members: a 50% discount on all purchases in the Bookstore which starts today and will continue through 2018. She will maintain an updated membership list to be kept under the desk blotter.

**Bookstore Report:**

- John said that the Bookstore will close as usual over the holidays so that Bookstore volunteers can have time off. The exact dates are yet to be determined but will be posted soon.

**IT Report:** Bob Duff

- Bob and Justin will discuss ways to improve the web site.
- Justin suggested a Facebook page which could feature what the Friends have done for the Library, photos of events and purchases, and link to Library activities. We will be discussing this further. Meanwhile, we will begin to compile data that can be used in the spring as we approach the Tenth Anniversary of the library building.

**City of La Mesa Report:** No Report

The meeting was adjourned at 5:13 p.m.

*Minutes submitted by Eileen Schmitz*