

Friends of the Aptos Library

Minutes from the December 2, 2021 meeting

The meeting was called to order by Gale at 5:00 p.m. at the Capitola Library. In attendance: Gale, Debby, Ginny, Tricia, Lynn, Ofelia, Sandy, Denise, Jodi, Susan, Pat, Jim B, Bobbie, Rowan, Heather and Shirley.

Finances: we made \$145 in book sales this month.

Our chapter balance is approximately \$51,000, up from \$45,000 at the first of the year.

Our OCR balance is approximately \$3,000 - this includes book purchases and sales

Fundraising: We have raised approximately \$405,000 for the capital campaign for the Aptos Branch library, After a serious and thoughtful discussion about how the Aptos Friends Chapter should contribute to the capital campaign before the end of the year-- and with an understanding that we do not fully know what items for which the Chapter will be asked to contribute, Debby moved to allocate \$18,000 from the Aptos Chapter balance to the capital campaign, This donation takes our contribution to \$25,000 for the year. The motion passed unanimously.

We discussed what the breakpoints will be for the donor wall-- it was suggested that it be:

\$1000

\$5000

\$10,000

\$25,000

At this point, there are about 30 donor names for our wall.

Building update: we don't know the construction details at this point. There was a planning department meeting on the building.

OCR: our plans are coming together. We have several really interesting programs set. There will be a book discussion program, a trivia night, a panel discussion on the First Amendment and a film night at Capitola. We donated a book kit to the library.

Friends update: New SCPL director. Committees are working hard. We are spending lots of time on fundraising and moving the downtown building project forward. The Friends are working on talking points for downtown. There are several new faces and more active members.

President's report: Erik's lunch on 12/10 at noon. Farmer's Market tabling on 12/11. Please make an effort to get to the farmers' market. It is a great way to raise our profile and increase goodwill. Gale is going to try to get a date once a month for the Friends to table-- we talk about the new library and OCR.

Debby and Gale are working on a basket of treats for the staff at the library and the Friends. Please contribute if you can-- and let Debby know what you will donate.

Debby and Denise were thinking of an idea to get books to the homebound-- it does not look like it can work as an informal project-- background checks are required.

Branch Update: Heather announced that we have a new library director: Yolande Wilburn. We will invite her to an upcoming meeting. The Arts committee is accepting proposals-- Lynn and Coni will be the community representatives for this. Heather asked us to consider donating money for book lockers at the new library. The book drop we purchased is being stored at the library headquarters.

We adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Next meeting is Thursday, 1/6/22, on Zoom.