

Minutes from the October 7th meeting – 10/7/2021

Gale called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

We met in person at the Capitola Library meeting room.

In attendance: Gale, Debby, Tricia, Ginny, Coni, Teri, Ofelia, Susan, Jodi, Sandy, Patty B, Bobbie and Jim Edgin, Jim B, Rowan and Heather.

Finances: Ginny had attached the finances to the meeting notice. Our balances are: Chapter balance: \$55,809; OCR balance: \$2805; and Capital Campaign: \$278,000. These balances reflect after administrative expenses. If people ask what is the most cost-effective way to donate, it is online.

Rebuild: Nothing to report. The library is still waiting on permits for demolition.

OCR: the voting event is next Tuesday. Four books will be discussed-- one will be picked. Ofelia will send out zoom information on Sunday. Please attend the Tuesday evening event.

Capital Campaign: Fundraising continues to go well. We are within \$70,000 of our \$470,000 goal thanks to our very generous community. Kate Pavao from Live Like Coco Foundation attended our meeting to present its plan to name the Children's Garden after the children in our community who left us too soon. We have compiled a list of Aptos businesses that should be approached for a donation and an opportunity to be on the donor wall. Thanks to all of you who offered to take a business or two-- please consider taking a few more names to help with the fundraising.

Friends' Report: Focus continues to be on fundraising-- a pleasant surprise last week-- a \$200,000 donation from an anonymous donor. There are two new members on the Friends Board-- Jill Mitsch and Sarah Clark-- both have experience fundraising and nonprofit experience. The Friends are in the middle of presenting a budget-- which means our chapter budget will be due soon. The Friends are also discussing an audit of their books.

President's Report: Gale reminded us that we are doing tabling at the farmer's market on October 23rd, November 20th and December 11th. Tricia and Gale will do most of the tabling. Debby and Ofelia offered to help on October 23rd. Please come by if you can-- we can use more help. Please consider letting us know if you can assist us. Lunch at Erik's on October 15th at 12:30-- please join us. The book cart at Pacific Coffee Roasters made \$150 in September. Yay! We approved spending \$75 on bookmarks to advertise our new library and Deluxe. We will explore doing a book cart at the farmer's market.

Branch Update: Demo has been delayed-- the firefighters may do training in the building. There have been problems associated with the branch being closed-- trash and loitering. We may need a fence around the building. Aptos programs are continuing at Capitola-- Safe Drivers, book discussion and Hidden Gems. Watch for programming updates on the website.

We adjourned at 6:00 p.m. Next meeting on November 4th at 5:00 on zoom.