

Friends of the Aptos Library

Minutes from the November 4, 2021 meeting

Gale called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m. We met on zoom. In attendance: Gale, Debby, Tricia, Lynn, Coni, Bobbie, Ofelia, Denise, Jodi, Ginny, Shirley, Diane McCormick, Teri, Sandy, Susan, Patty B, Jim and Heather P.

Finances: We brought in \$2500 in income last month. The book cart made \$250. Our fund balances are: Capital Campaign \$393,000; OCR \$2800; and chapter account \$55,000. (Waiting for confirmation on these amounts.)

Rebuild: Neither Coni nor Lynn had new information. Diane McCormick provided us with information about the process. According to Diane, the project is close to getting the development (planning) permit with the Planning Commission meeting scheduled soon. The Planning Commission hearing is part of the Planning Permit approval process. It will be open to public comments before qualifying the project for the permit. The Aptos Friends will send a representative to the hearing if that would be helpful. (The hearing was not something that was anticipated in the RFP—the project has moved from a level 5 to a level 6 project which has triggered the need for a hearing.)

Capital Campaign: The fundraising is going really well. We are getting close to our goal of \$470,000. The Aptos Friends have not made our donation yet—we are still attempting to get information about what the Friends will be responsible for. Stay tuned. And please help to contact Aptos businesses about a donation.

OCR: We have selected our book: *Red Letter Days* by Sarah Jane Stratford. We have lots of programming ideas and a really strong committee. We have two good programs set already—a trivia night in Scotts Valley and a discussion with a Cabrillo College history professor, Michael Pebworth who teaches a 50's pop culture class. The author of our book selection is a UCSC alumni so we may have help from the Humanities Institute at UCSC. LSB friends may do a film night. We may have a speaker from the ACLU. More to come.

Friends update: We are spending a lot of time on the budget. We open 5 libraries in 2022—lots of work on staffing. The downtown branch continues to be a struggle—there is talk of an initiative to propose a new library plan. The Friends support the mixed-use proposal.

President's report: Two more Farmers' Market tabling events—11/20 and 12/11. Please help us if you can. Also lunch at Erik's Deli Café on 11/12 and 12/10—at noon. Please join us.

Branch update: Heather said that the library system is hiring. The Friends have purchased 100 books for OCR—we will donate some to the library.

We will meet in person at Capitola Library on December 2nd at 5:00 p.m.