



Monthly meeting — September 7, 2023 Friends of the Aptos Library

Regular monthly meeting ~ Minutes for September 7, 2023

The Friends of the Aptos Library held their regularly scheduled meeting on September 7th, at 5:00 pm at Aptos Village Park.

Those attending included: Gale, Jim, Coni, Debby, Carolyn, Susan, Denise, Analeah, Ofelia, Sandy, Jodi, Tricia and Heather. We also had a special guest from the Watsonville Friends, Shirley Flores-Muñoz.

Finances: Jodi announced that we had made \$101 from the book cart this month. We also collected \$800 in interest.

Rebuild-- there is very little information on the library opening. We have gotten conflicting dates and reasons. Lynn, Coni and Tricia are working on the opening day brochure. Grand opening may follow a soft opening in December.

OCR: The voting party is set for September 28th at the Capitola Library. Invitations have gone out. We are hoping for a great turnout on that evening.

Our guest from the Watsonville Library friends told the group that she was working on a similar but smaller program. We told Shirley that her group was welcome to join us on the 28th at the Capitola Library.

Friends Update: Debby was wearing the new Tee-Shirt from the Friends relating to banned books. For a \$50 donation, you get a tee shirt. The Friends have hired a consultant to help with fundraising for downtown. The Friends are going to the Aptos Chamber Business Showcase which is 9/27. We will talk about the library and OCR. The Aptos Friends took a vote to continue to renew our membership at the Aptos Chamber for \$100. That vote was unanimous.

It was also announced that the Aptos Friends have been invited to share a table with the Live Like Coco Foundation on October 14th at the Seacliff Improvement Association. We'll send an email out for volunteers.

President's report: Gale talked about our monthly lunch and we decided not to do it this month. It was also decided to postpone plans to do a book sale before the library opens. We will table at the Farmers Market in September and November.

For the opening day party, we agreed that we would consider buying cookies from the Bakery and Cafe in Soquel (Ofelia brought samples) and Pacific Cookies.

Branch Report: Heather announced that the library is distributing COVID tests and N95 masks at all branches. There is an interesting reading program coming up for LatinX readers, starting on 9/15. Also a Jazz simulcast Storytime is returning this month.

We adjourned at 6:00 pm. Next meeting is October 5th at Capitola Library.