



Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library
Board Meeting Minutes, September 19, 2018

Board members present: Sandy Bradley, Carol Pearson, Peggy Johnson, Patricia Walters, Vicki Siegel, Janice Norcross and Barbara Lupei. **Library Administrator:** Charissa Wagner. **Guests:** Brent Palmer, Barbara Roberts, Judy Fair-Spaulling, Renee Westa-Lusk, Terri Middlemiss, and Robert Shaw.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the August 15, 2018 meeting were approved.

Librarian's Report: Charissa Wagner reported

- The cubby storage units (2) have been ordered for the area behind the circulation desk. She will have to excess the wooden desk that sits there now.
- She showed the table cloth and table runner that are now available to use for events.
- Sherry Wade has been visiting branches with staff from HQ. No date scheduled for Ridgecrest yet.
- A new streaming service, hoopla, will debut on the library web site on October 1st. KCL will pay per use, and will limit the number of downloads per patron per month. More info will come with the launch.
- Another new resource coming soon is provided by the California State Library (CSL) as an alternative model for the interlibrary loan. CSL will fund Zip Books with a pool of \$18,000.00. Patrons must have email and be able to use the library web site. Books requested will need to meet strict parameters (not in SJVLS, not bestsellers, not a book the KCL would buy, cost less than \$35.00, etc.) to be approved. Once approved, the patron will receive an email and then the book will be sent from amazon.com. The patron returns the book to their library branch. There is no due date, but only one item can be borrowed at a time. The service is also limited to one item per person per month.
- She provided an events brochure for the KCL's One Book Project, a community-wide reading and discussion project inviting everyone to read and discuss the themes of incarceration. Several books are recommended for different age groups and many events are planned for the Ridgecrest branch. Brochures are available in the library and also for download on the KCL web site. The branch has hosted a short film series and discussion on solitary confinement and mass incarceration in the United States.

President's Report: Sandy Bradley reported

- She passed around a letter to the FRBL from Charissa on behalf of the Ridgecrest Branch thanking us for the support provided for the 2018 Summer Reading Program.
- She passed around an article about Canadian libraries that are providing community support on the opioid crisis and on racism.
- Renee spoke about the need to gather additional signatures to get the library initiative on the 2020 ballot or approved by 4 out of 5 members of the Board of Supervisors (BOS). Vicki mentioned that she spoke with Mick Gleason recently and he was not likely to support the library initiative because there are other initiatives on the ballot the BOS supports. Sandy pointed out that we are talking about the 2020 ballot, not the 2018, and there may be new members on the board by that time. Renee continued, stating that the Kern County Elections Division recommends that we submit 30% more signatures than required because many signatures will not pass the verification process. This means we still need another 2,000 signatures. She looked into renting a booth at the Desert Empire Fair, Oct. 19 - 21, and reported that it would cost \$200.00 for a political booth plus a \$100 refundable deposit

as a guarantee that we will follow the rules. She can also purchase entrance passes and parking passes for volunteers. Linda Fiddler has offered to pay the booth costs and to come to Ridgecrest with signs and banners for the booth. A proposal was made that the FRBL would cover the cost of the booth, the deposit, entry fees, and parking for volunteers. The motion was seconded and passed. None opposed. Renee volunteered to take all of the evening/late shifts as she doesn't have a problem with night driving and she understands that many people do. She passed a sign-up sheet around. She also needs volunteers for evenings outside Walmart and Albertsons and she passed another sign-up sheet around. To volunteer for a time slot contact Renee at 760-446-2828 or westa-lusk@mediacombb.net.

Treasurer's Report: Nani was not present but she provided the monthly report to Sandy.

- The September financial report was passed around by Sandy.
- The on-going book sale brought in only about \$232.00 per week in August. It is typically a slow month with people going out of town to beat the heat and the end of the SRP.
- The donation from the Peck Foundation for \$3300.00 was received.
- The first quarterly check from the recycling account was received. It was \$29.50.
- There will be no expenses for Cupcake Wars; Brent is covering those.

Vice-President, Membership Report: Carol Pearson reported

- Since our last meeting she has received 4 renewals. This does not include any renewals or new memberships from the book sale on the 15th.

Vice-President, Book Sales Report: Janice reported

- The first Saturday of the sale raised almost \$2,000.00.
- Some FRBL members would like to receive the flyer by email so they can print their own copy. She suggested sending it to all members about 2 weeks before the sale. Barbara agreed to send a copy to Carol so she can send it out to membership.
- Scott Schneiter may be interested in taking over the online book sales. He works on the base and already has experience with online book sales.
- Discussed idea of placing ad in Swap Sheet about ongoing sale in the library. Brent offered to design an ad and put it in once at \$100.00 or less. Also discussed running little ads on a regular basis.
- She asked SSUSD if they would let her move a desk her group doesn't use, but they said no.
- There are 4 keys to the annex currently held by Janice, Sharon Smith, Don Stapleton, and the library.
- Brent announced that the Cupcake Wars judges will tally their scores themselves this year. He asked Janice to put out the trash cans again, and mentioned that the coffee and water would be available nearer the cupcakes. The event is open from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Newsletter: Deadline for next newsletter - October 26, 2018.

Old Business:

- Party for Volunteers - Vicki started the discussion by voicing her disappointment that there would not be any holiday decorations. She said the date is really weird. She did not feel that volunteers should bring food and suggested caterers for main dishes, stating that 3 to 4 main dishes would cost \$300.00 to \$400.00. She wants book charades to be played and will provide the prizes. Brent, the party organizer, felt the food would all work out well. Peggy volunteered to bring a spiral cut ham and Barbara volunteered to bring a 9x13 pan of potato casserole that goes great with ham. Patricia said we have the room from 12:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Sandy and Peggy have round table clothes and will just need to know how many are needed. Vicki asked Brent to design and send very nice invitations and request an rsvp. Further discussion was referred to Brent outside the board meeting.

New Business: None

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 11:30 a.m. Members were encouraged to eat lunch at Pizza Factory or Beansters to support the fundraiser.

The next Board meeting will be **Wednesday, October 17th** at 10:00 a.m. at the Ridgecrest Library Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lupei, Secretary