**Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library**

Board Meeting Minutes, February 17, 2016

**Present:** Sandy Bradley, Vickie Schauf, Vicki Siegel, Bill Eichenberg, Carol Pearson, Charissa Wagner, Roy Parris, Peggy Johnson, Carol Pearson, and Barbara Lupei. Guests: Sherry Wade and Sarah Wersan.

The meeting was called to order at 10:07 a.m. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the January 20, 2015 meeting were approved.

**Librarian’s Report:** Charissa Wagner reported the following:

* Pamela Evans has volunteered to process holds on Tuesdays.
* Plans for the Summer Reading Program, “Read to Win”, are underway. Funds are needed to order materials for gift bags awarded to those who read 10 books. She will use stipend funds. Three events, funded by the Friends of the Kern County Library, will be provided for all 24 branches. These includeE&M Reptile Family, magician Christopher Lopez, and Omnipresent Puppet Theater. She is also looking into the cost of a BMX Bike Show. Board members supported this idea and were willing to fund it through the stipend account. Ideas for demos were discussed including yoga, cross fit, Zumba, fire fighters, and no-cook healthy snacks by Patrice Johnson.
* Changes to the circulation desk, announced at the last meeting, will include new tops and faces. It is already ADA compliant.
* The Wish List for equipment and furniture she presented included estimated costs for travel expenses accrued by General Services. These costs will vary depending on whether they can perform inspections for several projects in one trip. Funds have been added to the budget line item Equipment & Furniture to cover wish list procurement and General Services fees.
* Charissa introduced Sherry Wade, Regional Supervisor for 12 KCL branches including Ridgecrest.

**President’s Report:** Sandy Bradley reported

* At the February 2 Kern County Board of Supervisors meeting, the board declined to make any decisions regarding funding or outsourcing of the Kern County Libraries. They required another scientific survey to evaluate the likelihood that a ballot measure would be passed. They also required that the wording of the ballot measure be finished by February 19. They said they would come back to this issue at their March 1 meeting. ALE representatives have been working with their lawyer and CAO John Nilon’s office to finalize the initiative. The Supervisors are still considering outsourcing as an option. If they do not approve the ballot initiative for the June election, the ALE will circulate petitions to get the initiative on the November ballot.
* Sandy will be out of the country from March 2 through March 11. Because of a very late arrival time on the 11th, she will not be available for the March 12 book sale.
* Sarah Wersan was introduced to the board. She will be working on some of the publicity. Sandy will be meeting with Sarah and Vicki to discuss who will handle what.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bill Eichenberg

* The Financial Report for 2015 and the Financial Status as of December 31, 2015, were reviewed. In light of the amount of funds in savings, it was suggested that another $1.2K be added to Equipment and Furniture on the proposed 2016 Budget Plan to cover concrete tables and benches for placement outside the library. All present board members agreed. Charissa will add this procurement to her list of items for General Services to inspect.
* A motion was made to approve the 2016 Proposed Budget. The motion was seconded and passed.

**Vice-President, Book Sales Report:** Vickie Schauf reported

* Income from the book sale in the library, reported on her weekly sales summary, was $769.68 for January. Bill added that he collected $89.13 from the boxes, for a total sales of $858.81.
* She is still looking for a volunteer to lead the Monday stocking and culling team.
* There are still some open slots for volunteers for the book sales on March 5 and 12. Remember the dates for the fall sales, September 17 and 24.
* She will talk to John Anderson about repeating his class on book valuing. She has already talked to Sue Parker and Ann Long; they are on board.

**Vice-President, Membership Report:** Carol Pearson reported

* An analysis of the past four years shows total membership (renewals and new members) levels for 2012 = 198, 2013 = 212, 2014 = 212, and 2015 =215.

**Newsletter:**  Deadline for next newsletter – April 29, 2016.

**Old Business:**

* Sandy announced that the installation of the FRBL median sculpture will take place in two parts – pouring the concrete and setting the bolt plates, then later installing the sculpture. The work is to be performed by Chuck Cordell’s company. The cost will be about $1.1K. Discussion about a plaque for Milt Burford brought out the information that he might just prefer a thank you note. The plaque could still be made and hung in the library. He will also be acknowledged with letters in the two local newspapers.
* Remember to spread the word about the Pizza Factory and Beanster’s fundraiser. It has been renewed for the dates of the FRBL meetings in 2016.

**New Business:**

* ALE representatives will speak at the Ridgecrest Republican Women’s luncheon on February 19 at 1:30 in the banquet room at the Clarion Inn. Lunch is $15, but is not required. Roy said he would attend.
* Sandy will be the guest speaker at the AAUW luncheon on February 20. Her topic is “Libraries: Past, Present, and Future”. The meeting is at 11:30 at the Grape Leaf.
* Sherry Wade introduced herself and time allowed for a Q & A session. She welcomed board members to contact her any time at sherry.wade@kerncountylibrary.org.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:52 a.m. Members were encouraged to eat lunch at Pizza Factory to support the fundraiser.

The next Board meeting will be **Wednesday, March 16, 2016,** at 10:00 a.m. at the Ridgecrest Library Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lupei, Secretary