**Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library**

Board Meeting Minutes, November 18, 2015

**Present:** Sandy Bradley, Vickie Schauf, Bill Eichenberg, Vicki Siegel, Carol Pearson, Charissa Wagner, Roy Parris, Terri Middlemiss, Dave Burdick and Barbara Lupei.

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 a.m. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the October 21, 2015 meeting were approved.

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

* The roof project is not quite done. The extra air conditioner units have been removed and damaged ceiling tiles replaced.
* She provided information on how the community meetings are conducted. Discussion on
  + Preparing a slide or two of our own for the meeting
  + Bringing up the tax measure
* Shelving for the children’s room has been ordered. The ship date is December 16. They will bring the materials into the building. Assembly will probably take place in January.
* Changing table costs are $750 for labor and $225 each for the tables. Board has already approved the funding.
* Outdoor tables and chairs – she asked Vicki to get prices. (This has been done and more information will be available at the next meeting.)
* Terri asked Charissa to contact General Services to water the trees.

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

* The KCL community meeting is scheduled for December 16 at 6 p.m. in the library meeting room. This space will likely be too small for the expected turn out and will spill over into the library. Publicizing the event will include flyers provided by the library, ad in Swap Sheet, and press releases. It was agreed that letters-to-the-editor on this topic would be signed by all the board members.
* The ALE presentation to the Chamber of Commerce helped them understand the importance of the library.
* We hope to see the ballot initiative on the June ballot. Wording would be due by March. Dave suggested a phone tree to inform members of petitions and votes. He reminded attendees that the Board of Supervisors post meeting agendas on Tuesdays and also post videos of their meetings.
* Thanks to Roy and Bill for helping fill out the United Way package.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bill Eichenberg could only stay for a few minutes, but he dropped off copies of the Financial Status report dated 31 October 2015

* Discussion about audits revealed that one is due and we may need to recruit someone to do it as Vickie Siegel is not able to do it any longer.

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

* Sales were down in October, possibly because fewer volunteers were available to stock sales in the library. A volunteer is needed to lead the stockers in the library on Mondays between 9:30 and 11:00. She still has a few people to talk to.
* Sales of the notecards donated by Milt Burford were discussed. It was agreed that bundles of 6 cards and envelopes would be sold for $5. Volunteers will need instructions on how to handle the sales of the card packages. (This was implemented a few days later.) More cards can be printed when needed. The notecards will also be used for FRBL thank you notes. Charissa mentioned that a poster showing the planned median sculpture is displayed in the library. Vicki Siegel will write about the note cards for the newsletter.

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

* Total number of members is just under 300
* 3 renewals

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

**Old Business:**

* The median road art is still waiting on approvals from the city and Caltrans.
* The bus trip to the LA Festival of Books was discussed in detail. The reluctance by the Maturango Museum to participate partly stems from the fact that the Wildflower Festival takes place the same weekend. It was then suggested that perhaps this was just not a good year to plan this outing, especially considering the BOS issue and petitions for the ballot initiative. A motion was made to postpone the outing until April of 2017 and it passed.
* The Freedom Shrine has not yet been moved. The Exchange Club may have lost interest in having it.
* Vicki requested help setting up for the volunteer luncheon on December 4. Several people were able to be there at 10:00 a.m. to assist and some also promised to stay for clean up afterwards. Roy suggested that Mick Gleason and Denny Kline be invited to the event and board members agreed that would be fine.
* The Pizza Factory and Beansters fundraiser was discussed and it was decided to continue this through next year. Sandy will submit the request. Money raised goes into the Future Library Expansion Fund.

**New Business:**

* Election of officers – The slate included all current officers except Barbara Lyle. Barbara Lupei ran for the Secretary position. A motion was made to elect the slate and it was passed.
* The value of the Inyokern Summer Reading Program was discussed. Terri requested funding from the FRBL rather than asking the PTO for support. The school board donates the space. A motion was made to support this program up to $350 and it was passed.

**Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 11:45 a.m. Members were encouraged to eat lunch at Pizza Factory to support the fundraiser.

The next Board meeting will be **Wednesday, January 20, 2016,** at 10:00 a.m. at the Ridgecrest Library Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lupei, Secretary