**Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library**

Board Meeting Minutes, April 20, 2016

**Present:** Sandy Bradley, Vickie Schauf, Vicki Siegel, Carol Pearson, Charissa Wagner, Roy Parris, Carol Pearson, Penny Loper, and Barbara Lupei. Guests: Michael Delaney and Sarah Wersan.

The meeting was called to order at 10:06 a.m. The agenda was approved. The minutes of the March 16, 2016 meeting were approved.

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

* Summer Reading Challenge - Supplies have been shipped and donations received from- Pizza Factory, Jack in the Box, and Just Imagine. Donation commitments are in from- McDonalds, Little Caesars, Pinney Pool, Roaming Dog Kitchen, Shaved Ice Shack, Maturango Museum, IWV Brewery, and Ridgecrest Cinemas. The Evan Etoch Memorial Foundation donated $500 to sponsor the Stuntmasters BMX Impact Show, so I will use some of the money previously allocated to that to cover the rest of Inyokern's shows. (FRBL had allocated $200 for their summer events, with the magician and jazz trio costing $310. Terri was going to solicit donations for the rest but now that will be covered.) Lots of events coming for the summer, also adult reading program with prizes!
* Front Door Replacement - Progress is being made but no firm date yet; should be within the next couple of months.
* Circulation Desk Replacement - Still no update; measurements/pictures were already taken.
* Wish List Items - Still on hold. The hold up is the surplus process, and the lack of space in the Beale basement for stuff we removed from the public area in December when the Peck Family Foundation donated shelving arrived. Until there is room in the basement, they won't be able to remove our items, which means we can't remove items until there is space in our workroom. The annex was suggested as a temporary storage option.

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

* Sandy announced that the FRBL median sculpture will likely be installed in the next two or three weeks. The project incurred an unexpected bill for the street crew’s work to ensure traffic safety during installation. Their fee is $2,200.
* Measure F buttons, wristbands, brochures, banners, and yard signs are in.
* Tables at the library and the Children’s Fair have resulted in about 300 signatures of support, a little money, names collected for Swap Sheet ads, and volunteers to walk precincts. Still need to find more spots to set up. Sandy suggested her cousin might be willing to help at soccer and/or baseball games. Sarah volunteered to set up at the farmer’s market. Vickie Schauf volunteered to set up at soccer games and Sarah offered to help.
* Carol contacted DATA for an endorsement, but they are busy with contract negotiations. Information was provided for their review.
* Mike Delaney made presentations to the Exchange Club and the Kiwanis Club. He plans to speak at the school board meeting tomorrow.
* Roy is scheduled to speak to the Rotary Club next week.
* Sarah will contact the Elks and the Democratic Club to attempt to set up speakers at their meetings.
* Dave Burdick is arranging a spot for the banner.
* Barbara submitted articles to the newspapers, but the editors chose not to publish them. She is rewriting them as letters to the editor. (These were submitted by email on the 25th.)
* Charissa and Sandy are finding contacts and dates to take information to Boron, Mojave, Rosamond, and Tehachapi. Mandy Walters has visited California City. They had a good turn out and they plan to canvass. Roy took wristbands to Kern River Valley Branch and said they are very active there.
* A rally in the park was planned for May 14th at 10:00 a.m. “Show Up, Sign Up, and Pick Up” was suggested as a theme. (Sandy has since set the location at Leroy Jackson Park across from the library.)
* Mandy and others from ALE will be in town on April 30th to provide training for canvassing and phone banks. They are holding a fundraiser at a gallery in Bakersfield on the 28th. They would like someone from Ridgecrest to attend.
* Info on the Facebook ad was reported to cost about $500 to run to targeted audience 10 days up to the absentee ballot plus 3 days before the election.

**Treasurer’s Report:** Bill Eichenberg was unable to attend.

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

* John Anderson trained Brenda Burnett on pricing books for sale online.

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

* She just sent out reminders of annual renewals and expects returns soon.

**Newsletter:**  Deadline for next newsletter – April 25, 2016.

* There was discussion of articles that board members planned to submit.
* Penny reminded board members to submit articles for the July 29th newsletter regarding the fall book sales and the general meeting/election.

**Old Business:**

**New Business:**

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

The next Board meeting will be **Wednesday, May 18, 2016,** at 10:00 a.m. at the Ridgecrest Library Community Room.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lupei, Secretary