



Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library
Board Meeting Minutes, August 22, 2022

Board members present: Jerry Bradley, Barbara Lupei, Carol Pearson, Peggy Johnson, Dave Burdick and Sandy Bradley **Library Administrator:** not invited **Guests:** none

The meeting was called to order at 2:00pm via Zoom

President:

- The purpose of the meeting is to discuss how to move forward in light of Brent Clark Palmer's Facebook post stating that he was "impeached" in a "secret meeting". He reviewed the agenda.

Past President:

- Sandy stated that this has been extremely stressful for all of us. She has a lot of hope for the organization moving forward. She apologized if she has been grumpy from lack of sleep.

"Librarian" Bank Account:

- Carol reported that the current name on this account is Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library Grant Account. Charissa was not receiving statements by mail. She was viewing them online. Brent's is the only name on the account. Carol is in possession of the checks and checkbook. Brent may have both debit cards that were related to the account. According to Brent the balance on July 31 was \$9,040.60 and she was able to list the expenditures for July. She has a bill from Kern County Library for \$900.00 for three Summer Reading Challenge performers. This can be paid out of the FRBL general account.
- Action items (1) Carol and Barbara will go to AltaOne this week to find out how we can gain control of this account. (2) Barbara will contact the lawyer Brent referred us to in order to verify whether he is truly representing him. [These action items were placed on hold later in the meeting.]

Jerry Receives Texts from Brent:

- The meeting was interrupted when Jerry started receiving texts from Brent. He said he would communicate with Jerry only, and restricted that communication to text or phone. No emails. Brent said he is willing to discuss with Jerry by phone the items he needs to turn over. The board discussed the list of items to make sure it was complete, and various methods Jerry could use to send it that would provide a written record. Brent agreed to turn items over to Carol at the library on Friday and transfer all funds from the FRBL Grant Account into the FRBL general account as well.
- The action items were put on hold.
- It was agreed that there was no need to hire our own attorney at this moment.

Used Book Sale Status:

- During discussion on the wisdom of continuing Saturday morning sales at the book storage facility, Jerry mentioned a call he had this week from Barbara Bane, Archaeology Curator at the Maturango Museum. She made a point of saying that the current facility is unsafe in her opinion. Other board members stated they felt uncomfortable in the space as well. It was

decided that book sales would be closed for now. Peggy offered to post this information at the site and Barbara offered to post the information on Facebook.

- With regards to this site and future sites, Sandy moved that Dave be authorized to speak to Dave Ostash about the move date, and to others Brent solicited for space or help with moving. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 3:34pm. The next scheduled meeting is September 24th at 10am.

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lupei, Secretary