

FRIENDS OF THE DESCANSO LIBRARY MINUTES

January 8, 2016

The meeting was brought to order by President Malinda Henry with the following members present: Shirley Somes, Rosalie Bowers, Cindy Uden, Pam Withey, Dona Hernandez, K. C. Garbani, Mollie Jacques, Toni Meyer, Christine Buckmaster (Branch Manager) and Peggy Machado.

The minutes were approved as corrected. Rosalie's name was corrected from Bower to Bowers.

Treasurer: K. C. reported the details of the treasurer's report. She said the bank statements that come by mail don't get to her in a timely manner. She would like to get them by email. Malinda will meet with her to work out this problem.

President: No report

Branch Manager: Christine reported the veteran's group is going to meet on the first Thursday of the month from now on. She's hoping to get better attendance.

Coming events include:

Garden Club – January 14th – Benefits of essential oil with Susan DeMars

Senior Lunch – January 20th

Financial Wellness – January 27th – San Diego County Credit Union, Ten Steps Toward Financial Freedom

Christine reported the Summer Reading Challenge theme is "Read for the Win". There is going to be an art contest to go along with summer reading. Flyer attached This has been a slow month for the branch. She has not received the statistics yet. There was not a good turnout for Friday's after school program. The gingerbread house craft was a success.

Principal Librarian: Not present

Book Room: Dona reported the book room took in \$173.75 this month. Sales are picking up. There was discussion regarding why sales had dropped off previously. We discussed changing the prices of books. Dona moved we sell paperbacks on the cart for \$.25 instead of \$.10, paperbacks \$.75 instead of \$.50 and books and DVD's \$1.25 instead of \$1.00. Motion 2nd by Rosalie. m/s/c It was suggested we have a special deal each month.

History: Cindy will be able to store the historical pictures at her house.

Landscape: No report

Membership: Cindy will have a couple of new name plates made for the Tree of Knowledge.

Publicity: Toni is continuing to post on the internet and put flyers up in the community with our event information.

Scholarship: At the end of the meeting Shirley is going to introduce Katie Zertuche, a former scholarship recipient. She is going to tell us about her work with Jump Start. Shirley reported the dates for the scholarship process.

March 26 – Posting of flyers

April 5 – Seniors can pick up applications at the library

May 10 – Applications due

May 12 – Committee reads essays and applications

May 14 – Interviews

Old Business: Training for the “Everyone a Reader” program will begin in early February. It will be a 3- hour training and is open to everyone, not just the tutors.

Malinda reported at the last Planning Group meeting the County Parks and Recreation Superintendent said our parking area is not the first choice for a Tot Park. They are first looking for land donations from property owners. Christine is still trying to work out an agreement with the school district and county to use part of the parking area for the library.

There was discussion regarding the upcoming Chili Cook-off which will be in March. We will continue the discussion next meeting.

New Business: Malinda suggested we buy 2 lbs. of legos for the library. We will also need to purchase a storage container for them. Another suggestion was to purchase a tall cabinet for storage in the community room. Peggy suggested we purchase shelving for the construction paper. Peggy and Christine will look on Amazon. Malinda will purchase four Melissa and Doug puzzles plus stacking shelf. Shirley motioned the Friends purchase 2 lbs. of legos, storage container, construction paper stacker and 4 wooden puzzles with a stacking shelf, spending up to \$500. 2nd by Mollie m/s/c

Mollie suggested we set up a Go Fund Me site for donations to help Maureen, who lost her home in Washington State during the forest fires. It was suggested we talk to Maureen and ask about a Go Fund Me or similar site for her community in general.

The meeting was adjourned. Katie Zertuche then gave an inspiring talk to the group regarding Jump Start a part of Americore. Volunteers from colleges go to preschools to help teachers develop language and literacy skills to preschool and underprivileged children. Katie explained how she works with the children and showed examples of some of her crafts.

Next meeting: Friday, February 12, 2016 at 9:30 a.m.

Respectively submitted,

Peggy Machado, Secretary