

Friends of the Livermore Library
Board of Directors Meeting
January 17, 2019

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Present: Dave Runyon, Bob Thornhill, Cherie Jo Patenaude, Bill Leach, Tamera LeBeau, Matt Berry (by phone), Karen Wilson Fontaine, Jan Bennett

Absent: Janice Diane

Guest: Nathan Brumley, John Burchfield

Call to order 7:10 pm by President Dave.

President's Comments/Executive Committee Report – Dave

1. A donation of pictures by a local painter are on top of shelves in the bookstore. We accepted them and need to decide what to do with them, either keep them and display them in the store or find a way to dispose of them.
2. We can use the bequest we received to pay for homework help at the Rincon Branch as a test of the program. The Library Board voted to have the program. It will be in the budget request for next year made this summer.

Approval of Minutes for November 15, 2018 Meeting

Cherie Jo moved to approve the minutes as submitted, Bill seconded the motion and the Board voted to approve.

Treasurer's Report - Matt

1. Our finances show little change. We received a \$1,000 donation for literacy programs at the library.
2. Our \$50,000 CD is coming up for renewal. We can renew it or add to it and are not required to take the money out. Matt will work on what would be best to do. No decision is needed at this time.

Library News and Suggestions – Tamara and Nathan

1. A new administrator is working in the office to replace Judy, who retired. Her name is Rene Dalusong. Judy was at the library 18 years.
2. The Library will be closed Monday for Martin Luther King Jr. day.
3. Tamera handed out the brochure for Livermore Reads Together. This year the book is *Spare Parts* by Joshua Davis. Kickoff is Saturday, January 26 with the Student Robotics Fair and a presentation by Monterrey Bay Aquarium. The brochures lists many programs related to the book. The author will speak on February 20.
4. Request: \$1,000 for literacy program. John asked about money from the state. Tamera replied that they get about \$40,000 from the state, but this pays for extras not covered by the state money. Jan moved to approve the request, Cherie Jo seconded the motion, and the Board approved.

5. Request: \$4,500 for the Summer Reading Program children's performers. Bob moved to approve the request, Karen seconded the motion, and the Board approved.
6. Request: \$8,000 for the Lucky Day Collection of books and DVDs. John asked about how much this collection circulates. Tamera said the statistics are not broken out but she may be able to find out. Karen moved to approve the request, Cherie Jo seconded the motion, and the Board approved.
7. Request: \$10,000 for a video streaming service. They are looking at the Canopy service as the best suited to LPL. The Library would be charged by patron use. This would be a trial program that could be included in future budgets. Board members had some questions and there was discussion of how the service worked. Bob moved to approved the request, Jan seconded the motion, and the Board approved.
8. Request: \$1,300 for parent outreach materials. Friends have funded this previously. Nathan answered some questions, Bill moved to fund the request, and Cherie Jo seconded the motion. The Board voted to approve.

Newsletter – Dory Ptak

1. Dory and her husband are working on the next newsletter. She needs some help with content, interviewing, etc. It will include Livermore Reads Together, library services, and robotics. Bill and Dave will contribute articles.
2. The deadline for submissions will be Saturday but she will accept submissions until Sunday. She would like to have the newsletter out by February 1.
3. Dory is digitizing all the newsletters back to the beginning. She gave Janice a disc copy and will give one to Dave.
4. Dory would like to have a “Parent Corner” in the newsletter reviews of kid's books, library services for families, and the benefit for families of using the library. She would need a parent liaison. The Board will think about this and discuss it at the next meeting.
5. Jan brought up that the web site still has the old membership form with the old prices. Dory will update it.

Bookstore Report – Cherie Jo

1. Cherie Jo mentioned that most people have commented favorably on them. Karen said she has heard some negative comments and that they should not be right in front of patrons at the desk. The Board discussed where they should be put and whether they should be hung or stood on the tops of the shelves and decided they should be hung. Dave asked for a vote on hanging them in the bookstore. Most of the Board voted to keep and hang them. Cherie Jo will find someone who knows art to evaluate them and noted that we could hang only some of them. The remainder could be rotated on display from time to time.
2. Cherie Jo will put children's and young adult books on sale since we have so many of them. If the sale is only for members, volunteers will have to check cards.
3. Cherie Jo will put out the box for nominations for the next Board election.

Book Sorting Report – Jan

1. Jan handed out a Thriftbook sales summary with a list of the books that sold for the highest amounts. (Handout attached)
2. We have plenty of sorters now.

Membership Report – Jan

1. Jan handed out a report. From January of 2018, Life and Family memberships have increased while individual memberships are much less. That may change as renewals come in.
2. Most new memberships come in the second quarter of the year. Most renewals are in the first and third quarters.

Book Sales Report - Bill

There is still not much earned from satellite stores, but Dennis is fine with servicing them so we will continue to have them.

Jan asked about Last Chance Books sales and what should be sent to it.

Publicity Report – Karen

1. We should send a card to Janice. It should be a “Thinking of You” card rather than a get well card. Bob will get a card and put it in the bookstore for Board members to sign.
2. Karen will work out a schedule of children's programs, and Jan will send it out to the Board for volunteers to do introductions.

Other Items for Discussion:

None

The meeting was adjourned at 8:41.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Thornhill, Secretary