

Friends of the Esparto Regional Library
Minutes
July 6, 2010

1. Call to order

Meeting called to order at 7:01 PM. Present: Julio Cota, Al Emrick, Sandy Pelletier, Betty Koeppen, Gabe Galvan, Nadine DeSmet, Barbara Durst, Margaret Dugan, Larry Stark, Jon Durst and Malinda Baker. Julio welcomed visitors and the agenda was approved.

2. The Acceptance of Minutes

It was moved, seconded and approved to accept the June minutes (thank you Sandy for filling in for the secretary.)

3. Financial Reports

A. Treasurer, Al

Nadine wondered why there was any "cents" under the gift basket line item when everything charged or sold was in whole dollars. Al will save the tags from the sales of gift baskets (eight new baskets added today).

Al noted that the amount in Savings will be depleted shortly by the bill for hours from the county.

B. Report from Larry Stark, LPL

This month was a down market but long term earnings based on good research puts the endowment fund ahead of the market averages. Expect interest rates to remain low so recommend we trade the long bond funds (Dodge & Cox, Pimco) for Growth and Value funds. Moved, seconded and passed to follow Larry's recommendation.

4. Correspondence and announcements

Newsletter from Davis Library.

5. Library Personnel, news and business

A. Esparto Regional Library, Malinda

Malinda reported on monthly statistics for June. In August and September computer classes will be offered in Spanish. Four have signed up, space limited to ten. Malinda is providing computer classes to the Senior group organized through RISE. The two programs in June were very well attended.

July 12 the branch will be closed to host a general staff meeting.

July 15 is the Three Fish puppet show performed by Esparto High School students.

July 22 is a professional puppet show.

July 29 Ann Scheuring will present her book about California history at 7 PM. Cookies are welcome. This is a good kick off for more adult programs. Betty commented that FERL would support more adult programs.

Yolo Co. Librarian, Patty Wong, reported, June 9, Davis Branch remodel is on schedule, West Sacramento Branch had it's public art installed and there has been a delay in an art installation at Winters Branch. Applied for a grant from the California State Library for a tech assistant. Julio is on the team. There is a statewide effort to increase bandwidth at public libraries (California State Library involved).

The Digital Storytelling grant ended June 30. Hope to have a small public showing in July

or August. Alana Harmon who volunteered for the Digital Storytelling grant has been hired as a librarian and will coordinate the all branches for implementation of the major grant from 1st 5 Yolo County.

The floating collection has been implemented for audio books and movies. Eventually all the collection will become a floating collection. Means each branch will have more variety.

Ms. Gray from Washington hired as Assistant Yolo County Librarian.

New library circulation coordinator, Dana Christie.

New pencil machine is filled and working. Cost \$274.30 (budget \$300).

B. Yolo County Library 100 Year Celebration

Begins with the Yolo County Fair. Remains pretty much the same from last month.

6. Old Business

A. FERL Newsletter Update

Office Depot will deliver printed and folded newsletters on Thursday. Need volunteers to tape, stamp with zip codes and box for mailing on Friday morning. Bring a weighted tape dispenser. This is a valley-wide mailing. Cost of printing was \$379. Awaiting quote for 10,000 membership envelopes. Malinda suggested Lynn Morgan should get a thank you for all her hard work.

B. Harvest Day Dinner

Gabe has secured the Alice March Hall for the November 7 event. Considering horse drawn buggies for transportation from the Hall to the 100 year celebration at the Library. Costs, weather and safety a concern. Church group will help with set up. Leos have been notified. Other activities include art show, craft show and raffle. Too late for a quilt to raffle but maybe a wall hanging. County Library needs to be contacted about outside parties selling (e.g. craft show) on county property.

C. Media Display Unit - Jon

Hopes to have everything done for delivery this Friday or Monday.

7. New Business

Al gave notice that due to health reasons he will no longer continue to be treasurer as of the end of the year. Comments were made that we honor Al's long service of 17 years as treasurer at the Annual Meeting in January.

8. The next board meeting is August 3.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Barbara Durst, Secretary