

Friends of the Esparto Regional Library Minutes

April 5, 2011

1. Call to Order: 7:02PM by Gabe Galvan **Present:** Gabe Galvan, Margaret Dugan, Nadine DeSmet, Betty Koeppen, June Hebb Malinda Baker and Sandy Pelletier

2. The Acceptance of Minutes: It was moved by Betty and seconded by Nadine that the February minutes be approved as is. Motion passed.

3. Financial Reports: Betty received a letter from Vanguard Investments regarding our money market account that contains \$931.20. Vanguard cannot maintain the account with amounts less than \$1000., so they gave us two options: add monies to bring the account total to \$1000. or more, or close the account. It was discussed and decided that because the fund yields are very low at this time there was no point in leaving money in that account. The funds will be moved to our savings account. It was moved by Sandy, seconded by Margaret that the account be closed and funds moved into the savings account. Motion passed, unanimously.

Betty reported that book sales at the Almond Festival totaled - \$981.42

Larry Stark presented the monthly LPL Financial report of our investments. He reported that our total investments are at an all time high, considered remarkable in this difficult economic environment. He went on to discuss the state of the national and global economy.

4. Correspondence and Announcements: We received two flyers: A Yolo County Historical Society bulletin for April and an advertisement for bookmarks and note cards.

5. Library Personnel, News and Business:

A. Malinda's March report:

Book Contest	95 entries ~ 266 wooden objects in jar ~ 1 winner
Gate Count	2060 individuals
Volunteer Hours	62.5 hours
Reference questions	268 questions answered
Computer uses	1281 users
Meeting Room usage	21 times
Pre-school story times	109 attendees, 4 programs
School-age story times	11 attendees, 1 program
Young Adult	6 attendees, 1 program
Adult Programs (Eng. Conversation, senior computer, Spanish-speaking computer classes)	23 attendees, 9 programs

Malinda mentioned that the senior computer classes are a lot of fun, recently they took a picture of one member and tried their hand at Photoshopping it. They might tour Davis library. She also mentioned Christina Velasquez, a bi-lingual story teller, had 40 in attendance in Esparto. Olga and Betty helped to "weed" out some older high school items to make space for new collections.

B. We have a new evening assistant, Ms. Sandoval, works evenings in Esparto and part time at Davis library. She also does children's story time at Davis library.

C. Elizabeth Gray could not attend this evening as she had to attend another meeting. She wants to remind us of the All Friends Celebration at Davis, and also, to congratulate us on a successful book sale at the Almond Festival. She and her family came and enjoyed the festival.

D. Summer Program: Malinda discussed some of her plans for the summer reading program:

“Read to Me” is for 6 – 12 yr. olds. After 6 visits one gets a book and a prize.

Team Reading – review a book read and enter a raffle.

Adult Reading Program – “One World, Many Stories”, will offer \$25. bookstore prize

Cartooning training session

Making a “Duct Tape Wallet”

Ms. Kadwyn, a magician who wrote a book on India could tell stories about India

A book talk by a librarian from Davis

April 15 is the deadline to finalize the program. Malinda mentioned that she wants to “drum up more interest of teenagers in the Summer Program. She is happy to have 5 new teens join the Book Club.

E. On April 21, there will be “Craft Day”. Children will make paper flowers with napkins

F. There will be the “Annual Read-off Your Fines”. Flyers will be distributed next week

G. Yolocountylibrary.org has a new group of lists of books.

6. Old Business

A. Malinda thanked Betty for the book sale success. Betty acknowledged all volunteers.

B. Nadine reported that we did not win the “Give a Click” contest. We were 4th of four entrants. It is possible to enter again and try to win the \$1500. prize.

7. New Business:

A. Elizabeth Gray presented an idea at the last meeting indicating the Yolo County Library was considering entering an agreement with a movie licensing agency to join together to offer newly released and other movies to show at member libraries. She emailed information regarding the cost to each library to participate in the program. The board members discussed the affect on our library, the cost, practicability and possibility of success. We found that movies could not be shown anywhere other than the library and signs could not be posted other than in the library. Also, our portion of the cost based on card holder numbers is more than had been discussed at the last meeting, making our share of the cost too much for the numbers of participants anticipated. We thought that we may not be able to justify the cost.

B. June Hebb, our newest member, offered her resignation as of this evening. Sandy and Gabe will embark on recruiting a replacement. Betty will send out a new membership list to enhance our recruiting methods.

C. The board decided that each member will bring 3 ideas for fund raising to the next meeting. We need some new ideas.

8. The next board meeting is May 3rd, 2011.

Meeting adjourned at: 8PM

Respectfully submitted,
Sandy Pelletier, Secretary