

Friends of The Esparto Regional Library
Minutes

Thursday, December 6, 2011

1. Call to Order: 7:04PM Attendees - Malinda Baker, Nadine DeSmet, Betty Koeppen, Margaret Dugan, Elizabeth Gray, Gabe Galvan, Nancy Remington, Julio Cota, Rie Surad-Miller, Sandy Pelletier

2. The Acceptance of Minutes: Sept. Minutes are on website, need to be reviewed and approved. Oct. minutes not on website, Julio has copy. Both minutes will be approved at next meeting. Nov. minutes had 2 corrections: Memorial tree ceremony at 1PM, membership committee purpose is to recruit new Board members to replace those who are leaving. November minutes approved. Betty proposed approval, Gabe 2nded, minutes accepted.

3. Financial Reports: Betty asked for any questions on the **financial reports**. Questions were asked about how the information is arranged. The 3 column headings are: One month, Year to date & Difference. **Harvest Dinner** went well, financially equal to other good years. **Library hours payment** is coming due for December. Another \$5,000., for a year's total of \$25,000. Gabe asked about the **Nugget Scripts** – asked whether he needs to re-register as his card is no longer valid. We get a statement from Nugget indicating how many members used their card and what the donation amounts are. Betty includes a Nugget Script card with many membership card mailings.

4. Correspondence and Announcements: Esparto Chamber of Commerce Newsletter & Yolo County Historical Soc. Newsletter

5. Library Personnel, News and Business:

A. Malinda's September report:

Book Contest	85 entries (219 pieces of candy in Jar)
One winner – Prize: "Diary of a Wimpy Kid"	
Reference questions	206 inquiries
Computer uses	946 users
Meeting Room usage	17 times
Pre-school bilingual story times	53 attendees, 2 programs
High School-age visit	12 attendees,
Eng. Conversation	6 attendees, 3 programs
Senior Computer class	10 attendees (shared iPad)
Wet Lands Story Time	40 attendees (Providers did not show, had to improvise a program for the kids)
Native American Food Program	25 attendees (Lots of food & fun)
After school Movie "Tangled"	35 attendees (6 – 12 yr. old RISE kids, loved movie)
Cyber Bullying Program	14 attendees (Also, very well received & very informative)
Lots of questions, gave case studies, may offer to high school kids.	

Dec. 23rd last day library is open – Reopens Jan. 3rd.

B. Elizabeth's Report: Yolo County Library has been very busy. Will be starting **Strategic Planning** meetings tomorrow. They meet full day with consultants, initially brainstorming. In January, February and March they will take the ideas gathered and develop a specific plan. **Performance measurements** will be determined and reported in an annual Community Report. **211 Information Number** publicity effort is underway. **Youth Development Network Training** is being created to attend, specifically, to children's needs, in coordination with RISE.

C. Rie Surad- Miller said that there is nothing to report as the Advisory Board meeting will happen in a few days.

6. Old Business:

A. FERL Container: Gabe reported that everything is set for moving the container from the VFW property to the spot adjacent to the library. ROTC official delayed the move because he wanted the smaller container, that is in the way of the FERL container spot, to be emptied before moving it. All will take place Thurs. (12/8) at 8AM. The smaller container will be emptied, then moved out of the way. The FERL container will be retrieved from the VFW lot and moved to its place. The smaller container will be put back and refilled with its contents. Railroad ties are property of FERL and are to be replaced under FERL container. Tim Brock will be there with the key. Container Roll-Off Services is doing the move. Gabe will recruit a few young men to help.

B. Fundraisers: Harvest Dinner – was very much, a success. **Christmas Memorial Tree** - The tree has about 13 ornaments each representing a donation to the Friends. Also there are 2 tree light donations. The tree must be taken down on the 23rd, the last day the library is open before Christmas vacation. Betty will see that it is taken down. **Children's Shopping Days** - Saturday and Sunday. We have lots of volunteers to help the kids and the Lions will do cleanup. Snacks are needed for the adult volunteers.

C. Membership Committee: Has not yet met, Julio says they will try to meet next week.

7. New Business:

A. We are now a **member of the Esparto Chamber of Commerce**. This provides the Friends with publicity for us and awareness of Chamber Events helpful to the library. The membership is \$75./year. It is also a non-profit organization. They are asking if a member of the Board would care to join the Board of the Chamber as a liaison. Currently, the Chamber has a Almond Festival Dinner planned at Cache Creek Casino and they are asking for donations for a raffle for the Festival.

B. Julio asked about the **January Board meeting date**. It is scheduled for the 3rd, should we pick another meeting date or have the meeting on the 3rd without Julio? We meet as planned, on the **3rd of January**.

C. The **Annual meeting of the Board will be on the 24th of January**. It is open to all members. We have elections to the Board, we have a word from the President and possibly a speaker. We have 43 new members this year. Hors d'oeuvres are served at the meeting.

D. Newsletter for January: a question was posed, what shall go into the newsletter? Please email any ideas you may have for the newsletter to Betty.

8. The next board meeting is January 3, 2012.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:10PM

Respectfully submitted:

Sandy Pelletier, Secretary