**Friends of the Sonoma Valley Library Board Meeting – Minutes January 10, 2020**

Present: Ken Brown, Janet Constantino, Tom Haeuser, Robin Kunde, Robyn Makaruk, Kassandra Miller, Karen Sanders, Susan Shinomoto, Diana Spaulding, Marge Thomas, Sirie Thongchua

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m.

Minutes of the December12, 2019, meeting were approved as corrected. [Branch has *seven* Chrome books and 46 WiFi hot spots]

Unfinished Business: *Central’s request for funding* for summer reading programs: Sirie reported that, after consulting with an attorney, Central administration determined that monies which had been considered restricted could be used to fund summer reading program items. The request is, therefore, withdrawn. Other FOLs had had concerns similar to ours. Our by-laws and mission statement specify support for the Sonoma Valley Branch and the community and population served by the branch. Future requests generated by Central would come from our Branch Manager for use by the SV branch.

*Interim Branch Manager’s request for second quarter funding*: After discussion: **Motion to allocate $6,722 for second quarter funding, pending the need for $4,000 included in the request. [$2,000 for books given away at community and school events and/or $2,000 for J materials purchases] Seconded and approved**

New Business: None

Officer Reports

*Presiden*t: The rider to our insurance policy for covering private vehicle use on FOL business has been received.

Two thank-you notes have gone out to generous donors.

*Vice President:* The next meeting of the FOL Presidents is scheduled for Feb. 20 in Rohnert Park.

*Secretary:* A list of 2019 fiction books recommended by county librarians was passed around. The newsletter containing this and other interesting lists can be found on the Sonoma County Library website.

*Treasure*r: Treasurer’s report previously distributed. There is a new line for “insurance” and the report does not include December statements from Vanguard and the Community Foundation which have not been received. Membership additional expense due to purchase of a laptop to facilitate new organization of the Committee.

*Member-at-Large*: Karen continues to work with Diana on publicity for the library.

*Interim Branch Manager*:

NYT best-selling author, Lisa See will speak at the branch, as a part of the County’s Distinguished Speaker Series, on Feb. 5, from 6-7:30. After discussion, it was agreed that the Board of the FOL would sponsor refreshments for a meet-and-greet at 5, and provide clean-up after that.

Committee Reports:

*Book Sales*: No report

*Book Clubs*:

*Classical Reflections*:

*Mystery*: Kassandra requested funding for the current year’s book club. Books will now be purchased through Reader’s Books. After discussion: **Motion to allocate $650 for purchase of books used by members of the club. Seconded and approved.** After further discussion: **Motion to allocate an additional $240 for a one-off Mystery Book Club discussion of Andy Weinberger’s *An Old Man’s Game.* Seconded and approved.**

*Publicity*: Karen requested that members give her any ideas about publicity for the library.

*Newsletter*: Previous newsletter featured an article on Diana Spaulding; up-coming edition will feature FOL book clubs.

*Membership*: No report

Other discussion: Consensus to provide another Volunteer Recognition Breakfast in the Spring. Details to be determined.

*Meeting adjourned at 3:55. Next meeting: Feb. 13, 2020, 3 p.m.*