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

Present: Madolyn Agrimonti, Mario Castillo, Janice Chadwin, Janet Constantino, Kathleen Gray, Tom Haeuser, Robin Kunde, Tony Pisacane, JoAnne Sanders, Karen Sanders, Beverly Seyfert, Susan Shinomoto, Diana Spaulding, Sirie Thongchua, Marge Thomas. Janette Tschann, Sarah Vantrease, Yanell Velazquez

*Note: Meeting was in the form of a Zoom conference.*

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

Minutes of the November meeting approved

New Business: FOL Presidents’ meeting: Janet reported that the discussions centered on status of book donations and questions regarding insurance for different FOLs.

Unfinished Business:

Tabled agreement to the Memo of Understanding from Library Administration remained on the table pending clarification of Jane Kunde Fund.

Tony clarified his request for rental payments for the container he has purchased to provide space for the more-than 1,000 books he stores awaiting off-site sales and distribution to schools. These books will be dispersed when schools open and off-site sales continue, though other books will replace them when donations resume. Following a discussion on the need to facilitate getting appropriate books to school children effectively. It was **Moved that, pending information from FOL’s insurance carrier, the FOL will allot $200 a month for rental of space in the container stored on Tony’s property**. **Seconded and Approved**. The rental is month-to-month, and Tony did not expect this to be a permanent situation. The hope is that a time will come when these books can go to their destination: children or vendors. *[Note: it was subsequently confirmed that our current insurance contract is not impacted by this fee.]*

A discussion on promoting the availability of donated books and giving more publicity to book donations to schools **tabled to January meeting.**

No other reports other than Treasurer’s Report, previously distributed. Susan notes that through November, we have gained over $7,000 through off-site sales managed by Tony.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20, and immediately followed by the LAB meeting.

Next meeting: January 14, 2021.

*Reports given at the LAB meeting, which are reported in full in LAB minutes*:

Library Administration report: Sirie highlighted the expansion of virtual events programs and digital library. She reported that the administration hopes to have a recommendation of the IT position in a week, but the CFO position search is on hold at this time. The administration is working with the County and hopes to have a report on the Jane Kunde Fund soon.

Branch Manager’s report previously distributed and attached here. Diana highlighted early evening drop-off/pick-up hours expanded and extended WiFi service to be in effect in January.

Commissioner’s Report: The Commission is looking for suggestions on future activities.

City Council: Madolyn hopes “to report on the recovery of Sonoma in the spring.” The City has paid for safety-related equipment to allow outside dining. Logan Harvey is continuing as mayor and Madolyn is to be the vice-mayor. A replacement for Rachel Huntley will take place 60 days after her January 23 resignation date. Her resignation was announced on Facebook and came as a surprise to other Council members. An interim City Manager has been selected.

*Members of both the FOL and the LAB expressed appreciation to Madolyn for her participation in and support of both Boards.*

Marge Thomas, Secretary