**Friends of the Sonoma Valley Library Board Meeting – Minutes April 11, 2019**

Present: Ken Brown, Janice Chadwin, Janet Constantino, Dave Dobbins, Tom Haeuser, Robin Kunde, Robyn Mukarak, Lisa Musgrove, Karen Sanders, Beverly Seyfert, Marge Thomas, Sarah Vantrease

Meeting was called to order at 3:00

Minutes of the March 14, 2019, meeting were approved.

*New Business*: Summer Reading Program provides prizes to participants. Could prizes include certificates for a free book at the FOL library sale? It was agreed that certificates would be provided. There would be no limit on the number of certificates awarded during the summer reading programs.

*Unfinished Business:*New coffee machine remains out of circulation pending installation of a new electrical circuit. Central will not pay for this circuit. After discussion, **Motion to allocate $1,153.45 for the installation of the appropriate circuit. Seconded and Approved.**

Officer Reports

*Presiden*t: We are saddened by the untimely death of Lilla Weinberger, a valued community leader and former editor of the FOL newsletter. A notice will be printed in the next newsletter.

On April 13, Central is sponsoring a Community Engagement Workshop for Friends volunteers, concerning tools for bringing members of the community into the library. As no Board member can attend, it is hoped that the session will be recorded.

The Outreach Budget Committee, Janet, Robin, and Dave, met to discuss budgeting to support book-related outreach to schools. It was agreed that, though by-laws had not allowed for a grant for this purpose, it is now appropriate to establish a budget item to allow funds for the work that Tony Pisacane has been doing over the years, often out of his own pocket. After discussion, **Motion to allocate a budget of $4,000 per year for Tony Pisacane, for book-related support of local schools. Seconded and Approved**. Funds will be dispensed to Tony following the usual procedures for reimbursement.

*Vice President*:  The Volunteer Appreciation Brunch has received 35 positive responses. The total cost for catering, which includes food, set-up, and clean-up, is $922.02, plus $75 gratuity. $500 of this amount will be provided by the Central’s funds for such activities. Though some members of the Board did not receive or respond to invitations, it is believed sufficient provisions are planned.

*Secretary:*PD and IT newspaper article by new Director Ann Hammond distributed.

*Treasure*r: Treasurer’s Report previously distributed.

*Member-at-Large*: Karen will help Robyn with the newsletter as previously discussed.

*Branch Manager*: Lisa provided an update on expenditures of funds allotted by the FOL. The bike repair station, the adult computer tables, the display spinners in the children’s area, and the microwave are complete. Programs and artist receptions are on-going, new chairs for public computers remain to be replaced. (The complete manager report is presented at the LAB meeting.)

Committee Reports:

*Book Sales*: We sold 43% of the Fiction (including pocketbooks) we put out for this sale.  This is not too far from average for the mini’s. It brought in a gross of $1342 – including $25 in Membership. Last Mini brought in $1340!

Dave received a gracious note from Jean and Michael Fitzgerald, complimenting our book sales and acknowledging National Libraries Week.

*Book Clubs*:

*Classical Reflections*: Classical Reflections is steaming ahead! At our Tuesday meeting we conclude our three-meeting reading of the ILIAD. We then plan to read a Greek play and either see a film of it or do a reading at our meeting. We then plan to launch into either the AENEID or the METAMORPHOSES.

*Mystery*: No report.

*Publicity*: No report

*Newsletter*: Robyn is gathering material and has contacted copy service. She will check on addresses and will be creating a test newsletter.

Meeting adjourned at 3:45. Next meeting May 9, 3:00 p.m.

Marge Thomas, Secretary

[In the LAB meeting following, the Commissioner reported that many branches’ FOLs are not successful with book sales. Though Tom was certain that in the new budget funding would go to more service staff hours, it appears that there will be no extra hours budgeted in the coming fiscal year.

The Branch Manager reported on the many programs offered including yoga for kids, recology, West Coast Railroad, master gardener, art shows, training of literacy teachers, exotic animals, legos workshops, homework help, music. Coming up: May 6, Community Quilts; April 17, 3-D printer workshop, author’s readings, Spanish story time, and on April 18, Poems for the Pocket.

Daphne will retire after many years of service to the library. A farewell gathering is April 26, 2:30-4:30]