

# Friends of Dimond Branch Library Minutes

November 14, 2015 at 11:00 a.m.

In attendance: Karen Long, Karen Marie Schroeder, Robin Goodfellow, Sarah Hodgson (Branch manager), Sandy Venning, Sue Yascolt, Paul Bostwick, Tom Rose, Suzanne Knott, Akira Rodgers, Leanna Nguyen, Melody Zheng, A'nya Johnson. Sharon Lawless took minutes.

**Thanks for Dimond Branch Friends and others for all of the great volunteer help this summer and fall!**

**Centennial Celebration:** Thanks to Daphne Parson, Gisela Merker, Chris Woodside, Darshan Anant, Julie Fry, Sue Yascolt, Gen Katz, Karen Marie Schroeder, Steve Perrier, Tom Rose and Karen Long

**Centennial Timeline and program:** Thanks to Karen Marie Schroeder and the TAB members for the 100 mural and video project

**Crop exchanges:** Thanks to Sharon Lawless, Karen Long, Madeline Briar, Emma Jane Gamble and Karen Marie Schroeder.

**Oaktoberfest Outreach:** Thanks to Suzanne Knott, Chris Woodside, Madeleine Briar, Karen Ball, Emma Jane Gamble, Gen Katz, Louise Anderson, Helen Krayenhoff, Brenda Burrell and Karen Long. Approximately 18-20,000 attended this year.

**CFC light bulb recycling pilot program:** Sharon Lawless, Gisela Merker, Karen Marie Schroeder and Sandy Venning.

Thanks also for the volunteer help for the **Dimond Picnic in the Park** in July!

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**Volunteer Secretary during meeting:** Sharon Lawless volunteered to take minutes during the meeting.

**Budget and Hiring Updates:**

Rebekah Eppley is the new Adult Services Generalist Librarian II. Dimond will be getting a new position, Teen Librarian I, replacing the Generalist Librarian I

**Remodel Updates:**

New start date is August, 2016. Project is close to going out to bid probably next month.. Library will be closed for an estimated 3 months. The next quarterly Dimond Friends meeting will focus on fundraising for the new furniture. Sara Dubois, the volunteer coordinator for OPL, will be one of the leaders in the process. She'll be invited to the meeting.

Furniture selection updates (goal is \$200,000+) Staff is currently in the selection process.

Bequests received: two generous donations have been received. One of \$5000 from a current library patron. The second is a bequest from the estate of Gertrude Shiffron (sp?) of \$31,000 with more probably coming before the end of the year. Dimond Branch plans to use these funds with the permission of the donors towards the new furniture purchase.

**Calendar:** Upcoming Closures

Thanksgiving, November 26 & 27

Christmas, Friday, December 25

New Year's Day, Friday, January 1

Tuesday, January 19 for MLK Day

**Library Programs (November-January)** See the November library activities calendar that Sarah Hodgson distributed and reviewed. November programs include a panel on writing and publishing, celebrating National Novel Writing Month, and a game day.

**Teen Advisory Board (TAB) Report:** Four members of the Teen Advisory Board attended our meeting and reported on their recent activities. During the summer they worked on the library centennial celebration, creating a large 100 mural and an outstanding video on the library in our community. The video is currently available on YouTube. Activities this fall include:

- Celebrating Banned Book Week in September by labeling all of the historically banned books in Dimond Branch with a banned book label on the outside. They also examined the reasons the books were banned. Library Patrons were encouraged to read these books. Bless Me Ultima is an example of a banned book that the teens have been reading.
- An Hour of Code program is coming up in November, and the TAB plans to participate.
- Dimond TAB along with teen representatives from other libraries will be meeting with Libby Schaaf, Oakland Mayor to discuss libraries and programs for teens.
- Members of the TAB plan to participate as a group in activities connected with the Oakland Marathon Race.

#### **Dimond Friends Updates:**

**December 15 @ 7:00 p.m. Family Holiday Film celebration:** *How the Grinch Stole Christmas!* With a cookie exchange. Dimond Library Friends will provide cookies for part of the cookie program. Volunteers will bring cookies either to the evening program or to the library during the day. Four volunteers signed up at the meeting, and Karen will send out a request for help to the entire group. Community members will also be encouraged to bring cookies to exchange.

**CVC light bulb recycling-**Dimond Library Friends will continue the monthly light bulb recycling program, and several people signed up to help on this project.

**Report on Branch Friends' meeting.** Gen Katz attended the October meeting. Since she was attending another Library Branch Friends' meeting today, Karen Long gave a brief summary of what Gen had learned. A new Friends group is starting at Eastmont Library, and many of the others are very active with a variety of programs. The Branch Friends Network is a good way of communicating with other Friends groups from other Branch Libraries.

**Ideas for other library programs:** Sarah Hodgson described several online library data bases and resources such as Transparent Language. No one was aware of these programs. The group suggested some type of orientation program on how to use these resources including how to access e-books online. Paul Bostwick suggested using colored small sheets from Moo (?) to publicize/explain some of the programs. E-book use: library staff will help individual patrons. Computer assistance is available on Tuesdays and Saturdays on a drop-in basis. Sandy Venning and Paul Bostwick suggested some way of having a held book service at/near the library during the 3 month remodeling closure. Group asked about borrowing a book mobile from Berkeley or Alameda to provide limited service. Sarah H. said she would enquire.

**Senior Programs:** Rebekah Eppley has started some monthly senior outreach programs at the Alenheim and Meadow Brook (Fruitvale Ave) Senior Assisted Living Facilities. She is reading stories, asking people to share memories, and

distributing some free books (courtesy of our Friends' group). Brief discussion about how the Friends' group might support senior programs. Discussion will continue at future meetings.

**Financial Report** by Karen Marie Schroeder, Treasurer

Current balance is \$21,457.82. Karen Marie distributed a detailed financial report.

**Current expenditures (pending)**

\$350 To supplement adult book budget

\$100 Crafts and games for In-Between Time program – program discontinued would like to change this request to materials for senior center outreach that Rebekah is doing

The Friends' group approved the change in the current expenditures to provide senior materials.

**New Funding Requests:**

\$25 Petty Cash Pouch (3 pack)

\$100 New toys/blocks for children's area

\$100 Baby Signing program

\$200 Robin Goodfellow craft program in December (focus on Teddy Bears)

\$300 Creative Movement Program for Preschoolers with Kat Healy (3 sessions)

\$300 AARP Older Adult Safe Driving Panel in January (question on #'s participating & AARP membership)

\$200 Kids gardening program (Rec Center/Friends of Sausal Creek may lend tools)

\$300 Ecology panel in March

**Total requested: \$1525**

The Friends' group unanimously approved these new funding requests.

Robin Goodfellow shared her handicraft plans for her upcoming program.

**Next quarterly meeting date:** Saturday, February 6 at 11 am

The Friends of Dimond Branch Library meeting adjourned at 12:30 .