

Friends of Dimond Branch Library Minutes

May 20, 2017 from 11:00 – 12:30

Dimond Park Recreation Center

In attendance: Mary Schrader, Rebekah Eppley, Sarah Hodgson, Tom Rose, Suzanne Knott, Karen Marie Schroeder, Gisela Merker, Sandy Venning, Jane Gamble, Elena Loera, Sara Newman, Chuck Busch, Jean Busch, Sue Yascolt, Gen Katz, Daphne Parson, Sharon Lawless and Karen Long.

Thanks for Dimond Branch Friends and others for all the great volunteer help!

Specific thanks to the Friends who helped and continue to help to keep the library entrance area clean & organized during renovations: Margaret Bray, Dick Kolbert, Suzanne Knott, Helen Krayenhoff, Sharon Lawless, Karen Long, Sara Newman, Daphne Parson, Tom Rose, Karen Marie Schroeder, and Sandy Venning! Good work!

Thanks to Mary Schrader who's doing an excellent job managing the remodel project.

Thanks to Sara Dubois and Winifred Walters for all their fundraising efforts. Thanks to all the Friends who also helped with the furniture fundraising campaign (and made donations as well.) Special thanks to the Teen Board who helped with door-to-door community posters. Thanks also to the Piedmont Elementary School students who donated all of their Read-a-Thon funds for the new furniture. Everyone helped on this big project! A grateful thanks to all! (Karen Long plans to ask local papers to report on the fundraising & student efforts)

Thanks to Helen Krayenhoff for plant donations to the garden.

Elena Loera volunteered to be the meeting note-taking volunteer.

Dimond Branch Updates

Opening scheduled for July 15 with a Celebration planned for August 19.

Alma Garcia will be transferring to the Main Library

Remainder of staff plans to return

Possible painting of library exterior this summer/fall by public works.

Remodel Updates: Mary Schrader gave a power point presentation with photos of the progress of the library remodeling which should be completed in early-mid July. She showed pictures of the packing and knock down of library shelves and the check-out desk. The remodeled library will have a separate new staff room to handle book returns, a new larger information desk for staff, a self-check-out option, a new larger children's area by the front window, a new adult reading area at the back, new teen area. All of this will have new carpeting, new LED lights, increased electrical outlets, and new furniture. The upstairs community room will have new

carpet, new chairs, a large television screen and refinished wood paneling. The bathrooms will have some new fixtures. Also a leaky roof causing falling ceiling tiles will be repaired.

Questions:

- Will the stairway to the upstairs community room be cleaned? Answer: Not sure.
- Will donors to the remodeling & new furniture campaign be recognized? Answer: yes, in the program for the celebration of the remodeled library in August.

Library programs: Sarah Hodgson distributed a schedule for the summer family night & day programs.

Teen Board Report: The Teen Board has been meeting regularly with Ashley Bonafacio, the Teen Library during the library closure. They will make a report of their activities at our August meeting

Dimond Friends Updates:

Library garden update: Public works has just turned on the irrigation system for the garden but it does not work well and is blocked in places by overgrown agapanthus bushes. Herman Miller from Public Works/parks & rec is recommending that the city remove all of the overgrown bushes in 3 areas. Unknown timeline. When this is complete, Karen recommended consulting with a local landscape person re: replacement plants. There may be limited city funds for replacement plants. As of now, Karen would like help with pruning bushes & trees, clearing the emergency exit for the library, some ivy removal and mulching the entire garden.

Sara Newman suggested some **public art** on the building and possibly a sculpture in the garden. Sarah Hodgson said that Debbie Koppman was hoping to do a mural or mosaic on the large white front to the library and was discussing this project with the city. The library would need repainting before this. Sara offered to assist with this process. Karen was asked to write a letter to Annie Campbell-Washington requesting the repainting of the library which is scheduled soon. Daphne Parson said her son-in-law, a sculptor, might be willing to advise or assist with the public sculpture idea.

Book sale prices will increase to \$.25/paperbacks and \$.50/hardcover. Sign will be made & cash donation box attached to wall. The book sale will be reduced in size due to the remodeling from 5 book cases to 3. The group discussed the best way to display children's books –on a low book shelf or some kind of bin. Staff recommended beginning with a book shelf.

Volunteer needs: (will also ask for volunteers by email)

1. Dimond Picnic in the Park on July 23: 2 hour shifts at Library Outreach Table from 10:30 – 2:30.
2. Garden clean up: 2 mornings planned (each 2-3 hours)-Friday, June 30 and Friday, July 7 if parking lot is available. Need to prune all shrubs & ivy and some low trees, clean up emergency side exit route, distribute new mulch and clean up weeds in parking lot.

3. Opening day on July 15: staff would like volunteers to help explain the changes & demonstrate self-check out.
4. Library celebration on August 19: need hosts & people to help with refreshments, etc. Emails will be sent to the membership requesting this volunteer assistance.

Financial Report by Karen Marie Schroeder, Treasurer

Karen Marie reported that the Dimond Friends' have \$19, 717 remaining in our account after a \$5,000 donation for the new library furniture and a few minor expenses.

Current expenditures (pending): These budget items were approved in April by an email vote of members in lieu of a meeting.

\$600 Opening party

\$1425 Summer Reading program performers

\$300 Teen party/volunteer recognition

\$100 Toys for re-opening

New funding requests: All of the new funding requests were approved unanimously.

\$100 Kids Summer Reading Program raffle prizes

\$100 Adult Summer Reading prizes

\$150 Games for branch

\$400 Oaktoberfest performer (in lieu of table)

Total requested: \$750

Next quarterly meeting date: August 5