

Friends of Dimond Branch Library Minutes- August 5, 2017

In attendance: Karen Long, Suzanne Knott, Tom Rose, Sarah Hodgson, Elena Loera, Praful Sevak, Gisela Merker, Karen Marie Schroeder, Shahana Sarkar, Hayward Blake, Amy Johnson and Sandy Venning.

Dedication of this meeting to the memory of Robin Goodfellow; artist, library supporter & friend

Thanks to the many Dimond Branch Friends who have helped recently to reopen the library! You're the best! I believe that this is the most active ever time for our group! The volunteers who helped inside the library to help shortly before the reopening tagging books, etc.: Ann Young, Daphne Parson, Jean Hull, Gen Katz, Darshan Anant, Chris Woodside, Tom Rose, Suzanne Knott, and Amy Johnson.

- The volunteers who helped the staff and patrons on Opening Day, July 15: Sandy Venning, Margaret Bray, Jean Busch, Gisela Merker, Tom Rose, Sue Yascolt, Suzanne Knott, Darshan Anant, Louise Anderson, Amy Johnson, Sharon Lawless, and Karen Long.
- The volunteers who helped to clean up the garden and grounds: Sandy Venning***, Bill Warburton***, Hayward Blake****, Karen Long***, Dick Kolbert**, Marion Mills, Madeline & Hal Briar, Margaret Bray, Chuck & Jean Busch, Sharon Lawless, and Sara Newman. * = more than 1 morning.
- The volunteers who helped to staff the Dimond Library Outreach table at the Dimond Picnic in the Park: Elena Loera, Chuck & Jean Busch, Amy Johnson, Emma Jane Gamble, Hal & Madeline Briar and Karen Long.
- Thanks to Sara Dubois, Helen Krayenhoff, and all of the others who helped for the successful \$50,000 + new furniture fundraising campaign plus all of the local patrons & library lovers who contributed.
- Enormous thanks to Mary Schrader for her amazing work supervising the renovation project, Rebekah Eppley, Miriam Medow, Sarah Hodgson & all of the library staff for helping at Dimond Library during the renovations along with other job responsibilities. Welcome back!

Sarah Hodgson read a thank you note to the group from Sara Dubois, the OPL volunteer coordinator. She also thanked our group for all the help in the library renovation & fundraising. She mailed some stickers with our name on it for use at future events.

New Secretary Process: Karen Marie Schroeder volunteered to take minutes during the meeting.

Dimond Branch Library Updates:

Alma Garcia, long-time Dimond Library staffer has transferred to the central Library. Michelly-Gonzales-Caldwell will be the "acting" Senior Library Assistant for several months. Teen Librarian Ashley Bonifacio has returned from maternity leave as of 8/1. (She had a girl!)

Library Programs: (August – October)

- **Grand Re-opening Celebration on Saturday, August 19 from 10:30 – 2:00.** There will be a special children's program in the morning @ 10:30. The formal program will be in the community room from 12:00 -12:30 with a musical group (trombones) playing afterwards. Refreshments will be served. Volunteers will be needed to help host the programs, set-up, clean-up and assist the library staff with the new automated check-out machines.
- **Summer Reading activities** will run later this summer because of the library closure. They include family oriented activities every Saturday morning @ 10:30 am and Tuesday evening @ 7:00 pm. A schedule of events is available.
- **Family Yoga** will be held every Friday afternoon from 4-5:00 p.m. from now until the end of September.
- **Crafternoon craft activities will be held once a month on Saturday from 2:00 – 3:30.**
- The monthly book club and other regular activities will resume.

Teen Advisory Board Report: The board met this spring during the library closure and continued their activities. They will report at our next meeting.

Dimond Friends Updates:

Book sale changes- The book sale is now using 2 book cases instead of 5. We have increased the prices to 25 cents for paper backs, 50 cents for hard backs and 1\$ for DVDs and Audio Books. There is a new donation deposit box on the side of the book case. Thanks to Helen Krayenhoff for the new signage. David Weaver will continue to manage the book sale.

Book Donations: Library staff has removed the outside book donation/free book bin and replaced it with a large plant. This has reduced but not eliminated the book & other clothing, etc. materials being dumped in the library entrance area. Sarah Hodgson reported that the only place now available for book donations is inside the library in the bin to the left in the entryway opposite the water fountain. Shahana Zarcar suggested some positive signage with suggestions about better places to donate things both outside the library and by the interior book drop might help as it did at her previous library in Lafayette. Sarah Hodgson thought this idea was worth trying.

Library garden: the city has removed the overgrown agapanthus in front of the library & added some compost. Our volunteers added the mulch on top. Karen Long recommended that a local landscape design person be asked for input about the type of plants & their location. Because the irrigation system is not good, new plants should be planted later in the fall. Trish Cunningham and Gracie Moon were both suggested. New plants need to be fairly low, attractive and not need too much water. The city may provide limited funding for replacement plants.

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

1. Assistance at **Library Reopening Celebration** on August 19 . Volunteers will be needed to set-up, host, clean-up the celebration in the community room. Volunteers will also be

needed to assist patrons with the new automated check-out process. Several people signed up to help at the meeting, and Karen Long will send out an email request for help also.

2. Staffing a Friends outreach table on **Oaktoberfest**, Saturday, September 30th. (2 hour shifts)
We will give away free children's books, library information, play the spinning wheel game with kids with prizes, have a book sale (if enough available). Elena Loera recommended getting both board books and chapter books from East Bay Children's Book Project for different age levels. We may need to order new prizes.

Financial Report by Karen Marie Schroeder, Treasurer

Karen Marie reported a balance of \$19,180 in our account with the disbursement of 2 checks for Family night presenters.

Current expenditures (pending)

- \$600 Re-Opening Celebration (probably much less as other sources of funding)
- \$1425 Summer Reading program performers
- \$100 Kids summer reading raffle prizes
- \$100 Adult summer reading prizes
- \$150 Games for library
- \$300 Taiko Drumming performance for Oaktoberfest/free tables for weekend

Total: \$2675

New Funding Requests:

- \$200 Laurin Mayeno, author of children's picture book, "One of a Kind Like Me"
- \$50 Prizes for Oaktoberfest activity
- \$150 Art supplies for monthly Crafternoon activities (Saturday afternoon program)
- \$50 Supplies for sensory boxes for Halloween
- \$150 Art supplies for teen programs (probably enough until end of year)
- \$350 Recording equipment for teen podcast pilot program. (Includes mixer, speaker, mikes & cables—new library staff person will set-up pilot program)
- \$100 blower for Hayward Blake for exterior clean-ups
- \$85 Memorial plaque for Jim Hill & his library request

Total requested: \$1135

The members present discussed and voted on the new funding requests. They were all unanimously approved.

Next quarterly meeting will be **November 4, 2017** @ 11:00 a.m. in the library community room.