

Friends of Dimond Branch Library Minutes

November 4, 2017 at 11:00 a.m.

In attendance: Suzanne Knott, Tom Rose, Dick Kolbert, Daphne Parson, Darshan Anant, Sharon Lawless, Gisela Merker, Margaret Bray, Emily Chau, Kevin Young, Sara Newman, Amy Johnson, Shahana Sarker, Karen Long and Sarah Hodgson (branch manager).

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

Thanks to the volunteers to helped to make our Dimond Library Friends' outreach table a big success at the recent Oaktoberfest in the Dimond: Amy Johnson, Gen Katz, Margaret Bray, Tom Rose, Gisela Merker, Darshan Anant, Shahana Sarker, and Karen Long. Thanks to the library staff who assisted us in the booth: Miriam, Alex, Bre, Alice, Rebekah, Stephen and of course, Sarah Hodgson. Thanks to Rita Watson for watering our library garden during Karen's recent trip.

Secretary Process: Margaret Bray took minutes during the meeting.

Library Mural Project: Deb Koppman, a local artist, presented her proposal for two 10' by 10' painted murals for the outside of the library on the large white panel facing the library garden, and the back side of the panel facing the bench by the inner sidewalk. Deb has been working for a year on this proposal to get approval from the city, the library administration and the local library staff. She displayed the drawings of the proposed murals. One side had an image of a "magic carpet", and the other side had a theme of "right of entry". This project has a budget of \$15,000 which Deb is currently soliciting from local organizations. She requested a \$5,000 donation from the Friends of Dimond Library. After some discussion of the project and the other priorities of the library Friends' group, the group decided to make a donation of \$2,500 to support the mural project. Karen Long offered to match the Friends' donation to make the total \$5000. This was voted on and approved.

Dimond Branch Updates:

Michelly Gonzales-Caldwell continues to be our "acting" Senior Library Assistant for the next few months

Library Programs (through January): Sarah Hodgson passed out a flyer on the upcoming library programs including a "fix-it" program in January for home appliances. She also noted that the library now has 11 laptop computers that patrons can check out for use in the library.

Teen Advisory Board Report: Two members of the TAB reported on their recent activities which included meeting monthly during the library renovation closure, sponsoring the summer reading program, and some new teen craft programs. The group currently has 8 high school members but would like to recruit more especially younger high school students.

Dimond Friends Updates:

Seeking a **library commissioner** for the Dimond/Laurel area: Karen reported that the library commission is seeking a new member from this area. Responsibilities include attending a monthly meeting, helping to oversee the library budget, being a library advocate, and interfacing with city council. After the meeting, Amy Johnson volunteered to be on the commission.

Carrie Campbell is requesting **small tables & mirrors in the library bathrooms**. Karen Long offered to research institutional mirrors for cost & feasibility. The white elephant sale of the Oakland museum was suggested for possible small tables. This will be discussed further at next meeting.

Wifi hotspots: Sarah Hodgson explained a possible new branch program- obtaining 10 portable wifi hotspots than can be checked out for use at home or ? . The check out period would be 3 weeks. This program is very popular at three other branch libraries. The cost would be \$1308 for the 10 hotspots and maintenance for 1 year. The group was very interested and supportive of this program.

December Holiday evening program will be on Tuesday, December 19th. The question: would the Friends' like to donate cookies for this program as we have done in the past. Group decided yes. Karen will announce in early December.

Plants & a design for the front library garden- Karen asked for funds to offer an honorarium to a local landscape designer for help in planning the empty space in the library garden by the front entrance. She also requested funds for new plants for the area. Total request: \$500. Dick Kolbert offered to get in touch with Tricia Christopher to request her assistance.

Results of recent Friends' library book sales: The sale area has been reduced from five book cases to two. We also increased the prices to \$.50 for hard back and \$.25 for paper back. Karen reported that the income from the book sale has increased since the library reopened in July.

Next Meeting date: February 3rd or 10th - 11 am at Dimond Rec Center (if available) or 3pm at Dimond Branch. The community room at the library will not be available at our usual morning time in February or March due to the free tax assistance program of the AARP. The group voted to meet at the Dimond Recreation Center at the regular time rather than to shift to the later afternoon.

Brainstorm ideas for a new giveaway item for outreach events- more library magnets with library hours with new design, book marks, Chico bags, canvas bags, small expandable nylon bags. Sara Newman offered to bring one of her art book marks to the next meeting.

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

Need more gardening help in November/December & watering during January. Also will need cookies for holiday evening program.

Financial Report by Karen Marie Schroeder, Treasurer. Final balance in our account: \$24,606.97

Current expenditures (pending)

\$300 Teen party or volunteer recognition

\$150 Games for Branch

\$50 Supplies for sensory boxes for Halloween

\$150 Art supplies for teen programs

\$150 Art supplies for monthly Crafternoon programs

New Funding Requests:

\$100 January fix-it clinic lunches for volunteers

\$100 Family Yoga program

\$100 Button maker supplies

\$250 Emily Butterfly winter storytelling program on Tuesday, 12/19

\$500 Garden consultation and new plants for front garden and walkway

\$2500 exterior art mural project

\$1308 10 wifi hotspots and maintenance for checkout

Total requested: \$5408

The group discussed this budget and unanimously approved it.

Next quarterly meeting date: February 10, 11:00 a.m. @ Dimond Park Recreation Center (if available)