

Friends of Dimond Library Minutes

Saturday, May 11, 2019 11am-12:20 pm

In attendance: Sarah Hodgson, Karen Long, Steve Perrier, Sandy Venning, Karen Marie Schroeder, Sharon Lawless, Elena Loera, Jean Busch, Mary Schrader, Hay Blake, Chuck Busch, Daphne Parson, Sue Yascolt, Tom Rose and Suzanne Knott.

Thanks to the Dimond Branch Library friends...

Suzanne Knott, Tom Rose, Mary Schrader, Stephanie Woodbury and Amy Johnson for weekly sorting and recycling of donated books. This includes cutting the covers off hardbacks since these can't be recycled.

Library front cleanup...Thanks to Tom Rose and Suzanne Knott (perhaps others)

Thanks to Mary Schrader for her gift of a variety of flavored popcorn to Dimond staff. Her message read "Treats for such a hardworking staff. Everyone should know that your hard work is appreciated. The Dimond community loves you! Happy National Library Week!" Staff thoroughly enjoyed this delicious snack.

Thanks to Dimond Friends for funding new plants and thanks to Karen Long for planting them!

Secretary Process: Thank you Sandy Venning for volunteering to take minutes during the meeting.

Dimond Branch Updates:

New extended hours schedule started April 1. The expanded hours are very popular, and new staff, mostly support staff has been hired.

Staff updates:

Dimond currently has two full-time Librarian vacancies.

Staff introductions: the new Saturday only teen librarian was introduced. She works at the main library during the week.

Library Programs: May - August calendar highlights

Sarah Hodgson reviewed the spring/summer activities and highlighted the summer reading program. Young people and adults will receive A's tickets for registering online this year.

Teen Advisory Board update: The TAB group met today with their new advisor and briefly sent a representative to our meeting. They have planned a variety of activities including decorating the teen area and a summer field trip. There are about 8 members of TAB now.

Dimond Library Friends' Updates:

Library Mural update- Deb Koppman has gotten city approval for the long planned double murals for the library. Sarah Hodgson shared the drawings of the planned two murals. FODL will need to help pay for the project as agreed several years ago. Deb also requested that FODL put in writing that they would help monitor the condition of the two murals when they are finished. She has agreed to maintain the mural in good condition but needs to be notified if there is graffiti or other destructive problems. The group agreed to this condition and is supportive of the mural project. Karen Long and Sarah Hodgson signed the agreement that Deb had requested.

July 21 Dimond Picnic in the Park (volunteers needed) The DIA is again sponsoring the picnic in Dimond Park ,and Circus Bella will again be performing probably at 1 pm. The Friends would like to have a table again, and give out library information and free children's books. Karen L. will ask for volunteers for 2 hour shifts about two weeks before.

August 10 Laurel Street Fair (truck & volunteers needed) Hayward Blake offered his truck to transport equipment/materials for the street fair. The group voted to fund paying for a booth. Karen L. will ask for volunteers about 2 weeks before the event. She will also register the Friends for a booth.

Library Garden update:

May 17 Garden clean up planned for 9 – 11. Ivy removal, clear emergency exit and grass/ivy in back parking lot. Karen L. said that 5 people had already signed up to help for the garden work morning. Several more people signed up at the meeting. Karen will send out an email with further details for the volunteers.

Financial Report by Karen Marie Schroeder, Treasurer

See separate report but there is \$23,883 currently in our account.

Pending

\$2500 Mural by Deb Koppman

\$237 Branch furniture

\$150 Teen Craft/Art Supplies & storage containers

\$100 Teen Program Snacks

\$1000 adult collection of books/music by Oakland artists

\$1500 Summer Reading performers

\$350 Summer Teen Volunteer appreciation party

\$5837 total pending

New requests

\$375 for 15 people to attend a 3-hour Workshop entitled, *Disarm, Divest, Dismantle*: The Role of the White Community Towards Racial Justice and Liberation* *

\$200 for Scientific Adventures program for the summer (8 sessions on Saturdays)

\$225 for AARP Safe Driver Course

\$100 for supplies for Dimond history archive

\$150 for Laurel Street Fair booth rental

\$100 for story time supplies (egg shakers and flannel boards)

\$200 for new bathroom mirrors

\$240 for magnets with new hours (1000) & new design

\$50 for tree trimmer rental (for garden work day)

\$100 for adult summer reading raffle prizes

\$100 for children's summer reading raffle prizes

\$1000 for more branch furniture

\$ 2840 total for new requests All were approved.

**Karen L. explained more about the proposed racial justice program. She and Rebekah Eppley (senior library staff member) attended this workshop at a local venue, and both felt it was an important topic. Karen recommended the group be 15 maximum in size because

of the sensitivity of the subject and the cost. She also recommended that a local social justice group provide 1-2 follow-up sessions if the participants would like some additional support. Sarah Hodgson will talk to the seminar leader about our suggestions since she wanted a group of 25.

\$ 8677 total for new and pending requests

Next meeting date: Saturday, August 3rd, at 11 am