

Friends of Dimond Branch Library Minutes

Saturday, November 9, 2019, 11-12:30 am

In attendance: Stephanie Woodbury, Sue Yascolt, Jean Busch, Sandy Venning, Elena Loera, Daphne Parson, Darshan Anant, JoAnn Yoshioka, Shahana Sarkar, Gen Katz, Sharon Lawless, Tom Rose, Suzanne Knott, Karen Long and Sarah Hodgson (branch manager). Alia and Kevin from the Teen Board (TAB) attended part of the meeting.

Thanks to the Dimond Branch Library friends...

Laurel Street Fair: Thanks to Stephanie Woodbury, Margaret Bray, Mary Schrader, Karen Marie Schroeder, and Karen Long for staffing our Friends of Dimond Library booth. Special thanks to the Oakland Library staff: Manny Hernandez and Kate Hug who helped with the setup & takedown.

Oaktoberfest: Thanks to Suzanne Knott, Tome Rose, Stephanie Woodbury, Elena Loera, Margaret Brary, Shahana Aarkar, Hal & Madeline Brier and Karen Long for staffing the Dimond Friends booth.

Dimond Library Clean-up volunteers: Suzanne Knott, Tom Rose and Margaret Brier

Book sorting and recycling volunteers: Mary Schrader, Suzanne Knott, Tom Rose, Stephanie Woodbury.

Secretary Process: Volunteer needed to take notes during the meeting. Sharon Lawless took the minutes, thank you.

Dimond Branch Updates:

We are excited to welcome our new Youth Services Librarian I, Nathan Perry to Dimond. He will start working the middle of November. We still have a Teen Librarian I and a Library Assistant vacancy. Karen asked if Nathan or other new staff members could briefly introduce themselves at future library meetings.

Outdoor explorer backpack pilot program-Dimond Library is piloting a program to encourage participation in the regional parks. 5 back packs with parking passes for 3 weeks, binoculars, maps and hiking/walking necessities. Only available @ Dimond Library.

Library Programs: November-January calendar highlights. Sarah Hodgson reviewed the adult & children's programs for the next 3 months. (See schedule)

Wednesday After School Movie program: Stephanie Woodbury asked about the new after school movie program. She recommended that the start time be changed from 3 pm to 3:30 pm so more young people could attend. Several local schools have a 3 pm dismissal time. Sarah Hodgson will ask the staff involved but liked the idea.

Teen Advisory Board update: Two members of the TAB (Alia and Kevin explained the current TAB activities. The majority of TAB members graduated from high school (and entered college) last June so the TAB group and their current advisor (Deeh) are concentrating on recruiting new members hopefully 9th -10th graders. They are also working on producing a podcast about young writers & including some new material. FODL asked if we could help in any way.

Dimond Library Friends' Updates:

Outside Building Mural update: Library administration decided not to support this project following a review of issues raised by the city's public art commission. Administration will support the creation of a smaller scale tile piece to be installed in the lobby. Deb is willing to do this project. The group was disappointed in this decision. Sarah Hodgson said that it might be possible to have Deb Koppman do a mural or mosaic inside the library in the entry way. Gen Katz suggested that Deb do a mural or mosaic outside in the garden on a free standing wooden mounting that would not need the public art commission's approval as it would not be on a public building. The group liked the new idea. Deb came to the meeting at 12:00 to discuss the mural/mosaic issues. She was surprised but also liked the idea of an outdoor freestanding mosaic in the garden. She will explore the idea and let us know her ideas at our next meeting.

Library Commission holiday celebration at AAMLO on December 8 from 1-3 pm. The Teen Oakland poet laureate will speak as will other members of the library commission and winners of library grant programs will present some of their projects. Tours of the historic library are usually available after the program. You're invited!

The Winter Ball (Drag Queen story hour) holiday family program will be early this year on 12/10 at 7 pm. Our Friends group usually provides cookies for this event. We discussed it, and decided that we would like to provide cookies again this year. Cookies can be dropped off at the library or the Friends can attend the program. Library staff would also like help with the set up at 6:30 pm and the cleanup at 7:56 pm. Several people signed up to help with setup or cleanup. Karen will send out an announcement to all members about the program, providing cookies and help with setup & cleanup.

Any **Library Commission** updates? Amy Johnson, our commission representative, is out of town at a wedding but would like to share commission information at our next meeting.

Magnets with new library hours- The group likes the magnets and would definitely like to order new ones to distribute to library patrons. Shahana Sarkar volunteered to help Sarah

Hodgson with the planning/design for this. Our members would like to have the new magnets too!

Library Garden update:

Irrigation: Karen reported that Public Works had improved the garden Irrigation system and added a new control unit. The “dirt patch” in front is the only section that does not have irrigation. That’s the reason that no new plants have been added there. Sarah Hodgson has requested that public works repair that section as well. If they are unable to do so because there is a shortage of irrigation specialists, Sarah hopes to ask the library administration that our Friends group be able to hire an outside irrigation specialist to repair that area.

A new pathway of pavers? Karen would like to donate some pavers and create a new path in the garden on a current unofficial pathway. The group liked the idea of pavers on a walkway “shortcut” from the parking lot to the sidewalk/library entry area. Tom Rose said that he and Suzanne also had some unused pavers that they would be glad to donate. The recommendation was to ask people if it would be better to do this project on a Friday morning with a relatively empty library parking lot or on Saturday, November 30 after Thanksgiving and hope to recruit some younger helpers on the holiday long weekend. Karen will send out a questionnaire about it.

New plantings to include daffodils and succulents. Karen planted donated 100 daffodils from Keep Oakland Beautiful under the redwood tree near the parking area this week. More succulents are needed in that section of the garden. Daphne Parson and Elena Loera volunteered to share succulents from their gardens.

Financial Report prepared by Karen Marie Schroeder, Treasurer. The group thanked our generous donors and David Weaver for his running our on-going book sale program.

Pending

\$2500 Mural by Deb Koppman

\$1346 Branch furniture

\$100 Teen Program Snacks

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

\$240 Magnet with new hours (1000)

\$350 Teen Volunteer winter appreciation party (postponed from summer)

- \$100 Supplies for Dimond history archive
- \$100 Snacks for afternoon movie series (4 sessions)
- \$400 Drag Queen Story Hour holiday event
- \$250 Creative Crafts for Adults program (September–December)
- \$250 New plants for garden

\$6636 total pending

New requests

- \$1500 Supplement to furniture funds (new furniture in checkout/return areas)
- \$150 Stipend for Corina Gould talk
- \$100 Stipend for Jennifer Biehn for Tai Chi program
- \$45 DVD drive for movies (Shahana Sarkar believes she can donate a DVD player)
- \$150 Button maker supplies
- \$25 10 AC transit passes for patron use (support for low income/homeless)
- \$100 Cash to support transit needs for people in crisis
- \$400 Family Dance workshop series with Rossana Alves in January 2020
- \$225 High-interest Lego workshop with PlayWell Technologies in February 2020
- \$50 Winter Ball decorations and giveaways (glittery snowflake tattoos)
- \$25 12/14 holiday ornament making program craft supplies

\$ 2770 total for new requests The group voted unanimously to support the new budget requests.

\$9046 total for new and pending requests

Next meeting date: Saturday, February 8, at 11 am