

## **Minutes of Friends of Dimond Library meeting on May 1, 2021 (virtual meeting)**

**In Attendance:** Sarah Hodgson, Tom Rose, Suzanne Knott, March Schrader, Stephanie Woodbury, Karen Marie Schroeder, Elena Loera, Sandy Venning, Gen Katz, Gisela Merker, Madeline Briar and Karen Long.

Karen Long took the minutes.

**Thank you Dimond Friends:** Thanks to Tom Rose and Suzanne Knott for continuing to clean up the outside of the library parking lot and garden on Thursdays. Thanks to Karen Marie Schroeder for her work as treasurer, and to Karen Long for her work in the library garden.

### **Dimond Branch Updates:**

- OPL Express and Dimond Library reopened on 4/19 with Monday-Saturday indoor service from 10-3 . The library is available for browsing, reference and computers (1 hour max)
- New services: 5 Chromebooks are available for 1 week checkout with a hot spot.
- Mobile checkout with a cloud library app is available for checkout. Sarah suggested asking staff help to set up service.
- Sarah will be interviewing candidates for the open children's librarian position next week.
- Sarah shared a photo of the 2<sup>nd</sup> staff baby born in the last year.

Madeleine suggested providing better access for book choice for children as they can't reach the books now. Sarah suggested putting some of the children's books in a box or bin on the floor.

### **Upcoming Library Programs** (all are virtual with online access at Oakland Public Library website):

- Kiss Your Yard Goodbye: reinvent your yard. On Tuesday, May 4 @ 6:30pm
- Enough :Say Their Names (meet the authors), book marking 1 year anniversary of George Floyd's death. On Friday May 7, 6:00 pm.
- Short Story Read Aloud: Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month with Dimond Librarian Rebekah Eppley @ 6:30 pm
- Edible Stories: A naturalist from the East Bay Regional Parks presents this. Next: June 8, 6:30.

### **Kanopy & How to use it!**

Sarah Hodgson presented details on how to access Kanopy, the OPL online film program. She demonstrated the search program function which provides downloads to multiple devices including Roku. Choices include thousands of films and Great Course programs. Maximum check out at once is 5.

### **Hoopla & How to Use it!**

Sarah next demonstrated how to access Hoopla to check out books and ebooks, music, audio books and movies. The Hoopla help site provides a lot of additional information and assistance. There are a million titles in the program. All materials available are shown with no holds.

Sarah was asked to provide written directions on the use of the website. Karen asked about Hoopla for Kindle as she had been told Overdrive worked better.

#### **Dimond Library Friends Updates:**

Karen Long reported that the Dimond Library garden was the primary focus recently.

#### **Library Garden update:**

Sarah shared picture of the new Butterfly Mosaic section of the garden. Karen Marie Schroeder shared the cost @ \$6,724.

New side of library garden: Karen shared that the library staff was interested in 2 projects in the side of the library garden by the parking lot (currently mostly weeds & ivy).

- Rebekah Eppley would like to plant a medicinal herb garden demonstrating seed lending library
- Griffin with the Teen Board is interested in planting a vegetable garden

Gen noted that the side received only morning sunshine so it might limit the kind of plants. She also expressed concern about planting during a drought.

Karen Long requested volunteer help to clean out the weeds/ivy on Friday morning, May 14 at 9 am for 2 hours. Tom Rose, Madeleine & Hal Briar volunteered to help. Karen will send them details. Karen also plans to ask public works for assistance with rototilling and providing mulch and compost for new section.

Dead street tree in front of the library- The dead street tree was finally removed last week. The space cannot be filled with another tree as it would be too close to utility lines. A smaller shrub is possible. Karen has asked public works for their recommendation for a shrub (and possibly paying for it). She has not yet received a response. Tom Rose will also check with Victoria Wake from the DIA re: her knowledge of possible replacement shrubs. Karen also asked if anyone was interested in watering the new shrub for a short time as there is no irrigation for the street area. No one volunteered at this time.

**Financial Report** from Karen Marie Schroeder, treasurer. The FODL currently has \$48,675 in our account. Very little is being spent now due to the limited library access.

**Pending Budget Items:** There is currently \$6151 in pending items from 2020-21 but very little has been spent. Karen would like to purchase a wheel barrow for the library garden. Sarah says it can be stored in the meeting room right now. The group also suggested spending \$400 for new library magnet with library hours to be distributed when library reopens fully. Also suggesting spending \$2288 for new library furniture which will also be needed hopefully soon. The group agreed with these items.

**Next meeting will be August 14 @ 11:00 am.**

