

Minutes of Friends of Dimond Branch Library

Saturday, April 23, 2022, 11am- 12:30

In attendance: Mary Schrader, Helen Bloch, Karen Long, Stephanie Woodbury, Karen Marie Schroeder, Tom Rose, Suzanne Knott, Sarah Hodgson and Margaret Bray. Karen Marie Schroeder took the minutes during the meeting.

Measure C updates: Helen Bloch reviewed the Measure C upcoming ballot measure that would provide 40% of Oakland public library funding. If this measure is not approved by 2/3 of the voters in June up to 7 branch libraries might have to be closed and other programs/staffing would be affected. She said that outreach to library users/supporters/voters was very important. Starting next Saturday, all of the branches are encouraged to hand out voter information at tables outside their libraries. Helen shared the latest multi-colored flyer, window signs and yard signs.

Our group would like to start Measure C support activities next weekend with some tabling, and have some kind of outreach most Saturdays in May. We also plan to hand out information at the upcoming community outreach program in Dimond Park on May 14. Helen distributed a number of yard signs to members to share in their neighborhoods. We also discussed the best ways to communicate the issue to the Dimond Library community. The group thanked Helen for her efforts.

Thanks to the Dimond Branch Library friends...

Friends' On-going book sale: David Weaver and Karen Marie Schroeder

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

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

Library garden volunteers: Karen Long, Hal Briar, Margaret Bray and Liz Hendrickson

Secretary Process: Karen Marie Schroeder took minutes during the meeting and Karen Long has typed them up to be posted on our website..

Dimond Branch Updates:

Dimond's new Teen Librarian, Mikal Hemingway starts Tuesday, May 3rd.

New online meeting room reservation system begins in early May and can be reserved online. The room will be available for free to groups with a minimum of 6 people

Tuesday nights 7 pm Pajama storytime resumed this month; 27 people attended the 2nd meeting. Masks were required of participants.

Wednesdays at 10:15 Toddler storytime in Dimond Park begins May 4.

Library Programs: April-August calendar- Adult & Children's programs are cautiously resuming.

Children's

Saturday, 5/28	10:00 am	Little Explorers Petting Zoo
Tuesday, 5/31	7:00 pm	Per Sia's Drag Queen Storytime
Saturday, 6/11 & 25	10:00 am	Build, Make, Play
Tuesday, 6/14	7:00 pm	Mike the Magician
Tuesday, 6/21	7:00 pm	Yoga Storytime
Tuesday, 6/28	7:00 pm	Zany Zoe
Saturday, 7/9	10:00 am	Build, Make, Play
Tuesday, 7/12	7:00 pm	Ricky Roo Puppets
Tuesday, 7/19	7:00 pm	Fur, Scales, and Tails

Teen

Third Wednesdays,	2:30-4:30 pm	Teen DJ Radio Hour
Wednesday, 6/8	3 pm	Tiny Art
Wednesday, 6/22	2 pm	Henna
Wednesday, 7/20	3 pm	Smash Bros Tournament

Adult

Third Wednesdays	6:30 pm	Dimond Book Group
Wednesday, 5/11	6:30 pm	My Good Son book talk with author Yang Huang
Saturday, 6/25	1 pm	Intergenerational Drum Circle
Saturday, 7/2	10-1	Tai Chi, Medicinal Tea and Meditation

Dimond Friends Updates:

Applying for 501(c)3 status: process & planning- Diamond Library Friends does qualify for the short version of 501(c)3. It means an initial application, fee and a short financial postcard every year. FOPL is changing their financial sponsorship this year so excellent time to do this. A member of the Friends of the Tool Lending Library who recently completed their application has offered assistance. Mary Schrader agreed to appear on the application as our secretary. Everyone voted to complete the application this year including paying the \$275 filing fee with the IRS.

Focus on Measure C support / tabling outside library We discussed tabling efforts to distribute flyers and information about Measure C on Saturdays starting next Saturday. Several members

signed up to help. Several others had previously told Karen Long that they would also like to help. Our plan is to have a table outside the front door of the library with a sign & to hand out flyers and information to people as they enter the library. They can also get yard signs and more information on the support website.

For more information and to volunteer go to <https://www.opladvocates.org/>

Recruitment of new Friends members- Karen Long said that it would be good to recruit new & younger members for our Friends group. She also suggested asking the Dimond Improvement Association to send a representative to our meetings to help keep our group informed/involved in their community efforts. We may be able to recruit some new members when we do the Measure C outreach as well.

Garden update-Karen Long has turned in Keep Oakland Beautiful (KOB) grant application for native shrubs for \$450 to put in new garden section with large native plant shrubs by parking lot.

Need to redo walkway pavers between parking lot and pavement– Last year Tom Rose donated 10 larger pavers that can be used for this. Karen suggested waiting until after May 30 when we should find out if we receive the KOB grant.

Volunteer needs:

[Need volunteers for Measure C tabling –2 hour shifts on Saturdays](#) starting next Saturday. [Also recruit new members.](#) Several people signed up at the meeting, and several others who could not attend told Karen that they would be glad to help. Karen will ask all members if they are interested as this is very important!

[Need volunteers for outreach table May 14 from 11:30- 3 pm, Community program, Dimond Park, Measure C & New members, give out library info & free children's books.](#) Several people volunteered to help but several more would be good. Karen will also ask membership for assistance. This would also be an opportunity to recruit new members.

[Garden volunteers: To redo section of paver walkway & hopefully plant new native plant shrubs in parking lot garden.](#) Karen will ask for volunteers in June.

Financial Report by Karen Marie Schroeder, Treasurer. Karen Marie Schroeder reported that there is currently \$61,340.65 in our Bank of America account. She distributed the details on a separate sheet of donations and expenses.

New requests:

- \$275 IRS use fee for filing 501(c)3 application short form
- \$300 De-colonize your kitchen program (\$250. stipend and \$50. supplies) the topic: bringing native plants to your daily menus.*
- \$700 Art books featuring shows from local museums and current exhibitions to add to the Dimond collection

\$1275 total for new requests

*Sarah Hodgson said that cooking equipment could be obtained from the West Oakland Branch Library as they have new equipment.

Pending

- \$1500 Intergenerational program series
- \$850 Play Station 5, extra controller and four games
- \$500 New books for Oakland local collection
- \$100 Supplies for Dimond history archive
- \$100 Teen Program Snacks
- \$178 Creative Crafts for Adults program
- \$50 Materials for Making Medicinal Tea program
- \$150 Supplies for Making Natural Products program (enough for 15-20 participants)

- \$2200 Two HABA Book Subject Carts – Move board books from baskets into these carts. This will allow us to keep them better organized, create smaller groupings of board books to increase browsing, and allow our aides to pull holds more easily. ON ORDER
- \$1084 One Demco® Kidovation® High-Capacity Book Floor Standing Spinner – Move series paperbacks onto the spinners to free up shelf space. ON ORDER

2022 Summer Reading Program

\$100 for adult raffle prizes

\$100 for children's raffle prizes

\$100 for teen raffle prizes

\$2500 for Children's Summer Reading programming

\$350 for teen volunteer party

\$9,830 total for pending requests

Next meeting date: Saturday, August 6 from 11 am-1 pm