

Friends of Dimond Branch Library Minutes

Saturday, November 19, 11-12:40 pm

In Attendance: Suzanne Knott, Tom Rose, Hal Briar, Madeleine Briar, Liz Hendrickson, Merry Lustin, Eve Buckner, Stephanie Woodbury, Sandy Venning, Francois Korn, Keko Tate, Jean Busch, Gisela Merker, Rebecca , Darshan Anant, Karen Long, Sarah Hodgson and Karen Marie Schroeder.

Welcome Friends! Introductions. As an introduction with some new members, everyone shared briefly why they love libraries. Three are retired librarians. Good sharing!

Thanks to the Dimond Branch Library friends...

Oaktoberfest tabling: Thanks to everyone who participated (all 8 of you!)

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

Book sorting and recycling volunteers: Mary Schrader, Stephanie Woodbury, Francois Korn, Jean Busch, Suzanne Knott and Tom Rose

Library garden volunteer: Karen Long

FOSC Native Plant Sale: Karen Marie Schroeder and Karen Long

New parking lot garden: Thanks to Hal Briar, Sandy Venning, Bill and Karen Long for planting the new large shrubs in the garden. Thanks to Keep Oakland Beautiful for a grant for the large shrubs and Friends of Sausal Creek for a donation of the smaller native plants.

Providing cookies/treats at meetings: Karen Marie Schroeder

Secretary Process: Karen Marie Schroeder volunteered to take minutes during the meeting.

Dimond Branch Updates:

Changes to enforcement of masking requirements by the City of Oakland as of 11/28: The city has decided to relax the masking requirements inside the libraries to make it a recommendation for patrons and a requirement for staff. This will avoid confrontations on the issue.

Welcome new permanent Library Aides: Khouri McCullough, Melanie Garza and Lateefa Ali. Dimond's permanent positions are now fully staffed! Staff= 11 permanent.

Library Programs: November-January calendar highlights

- All of the children's programs have resumed including baby bounce for the youngest, several children's story times, and Tuesday evening pajama night programs. The teen program has also been restarted. Paws to read (children reading aloud to a service dog) will start up soon on 1st & 3rd Saturdays.

- December 3 will be an adult program of making natural holiday gifts
- A Capoeira (Brazilian martial arts/dance activity) will start soon for teens.

Dimond Library Friends' Updates:

New Leadership in 2023: voting for new officers (President, Secretary & Treasurer).

Karen Long and Karen Marie Schroeder announced that they plan to resign their current leadership positions as President and Treasurer as of the February meeting. They encouraged everyone to think about participating in any of these roles. They gave a brief description of their roles/responsibilities. An election of officers will be held at the next meeting.

Volunteer needs:

- **Gardening help: Karen would like some help with the new larger library garden.**
 - Would like to set up a weekly schedule for volunteers to maintain the garden. Volunteers could be responsible for 1 activity or 1 section or better as small group??
 - The group discusses several organizations such as Friends of Sausal Creek or gardening clubs that might provide help as well as asking our general membership.
- **Cookies for winter holidays program on Tuesday, December 20.** A holiday celebration will be held on Tuesday December 20th at the Tuesday night pajama activity with some kind of fun program (TBA) The Friends are asked to bring cookies to the library that day and are welcome to attend the program. Cookie drop-off would be from 10 am – 6:00 pm. The program will start at 7 pm but cookies should arrive by 6:30 pm
- **Friends' website upgrade:** Karen recommended and the group agreed that the Friends' current websight should be upgraded. We would like to be able to process donations online through Pay Pal (reduced fees for non-profits), more interactive features, more recent pictures. Karen recommended Mike Dobson to assist on this upgrade. Rebecca offered to assist with input and supervision. Karen will also notify group of costs since we need to pay Mike for his help.

Financial Report by Karen Marie Schroeder, Treasurer

Our current balance is \$59,239.05

Pending previously (approved expenditures but not spent yet)

\$750 Intergenerational Pandemic Stories series (moved to February 2023)

\$250 Seeds for seed library

\$100 Family Yoga Program

\$850 Play Station 5, extra controller and four games

\$177 New books for Oakland local collection

\$100 Supplies for Dimond history archive

\$50 Materials for Making Medicinal Tea program

\$150 Supplies for Making Natural Products program (enough for 15-20 participants)

total pending: \$2427

New requests

\$850 Xbox series X Bundle and controllers for Gameday

\$100 Wooden tree stand for storytime puppet storage

\$200 Teen and adult program snacks

\$300 Staff holiday breakfast at Grand Lake Kitchen

\$250 Gloves and socks for people in need

\$175 4 LEGO display boxes

total for new requests: \$1875.

total for new and pending requests: \$4302.

All new request were approved by unanimous vote

Next meeting date: Saturday, February 4 from 11 am-1 pm

Meeting adjourned at 12:40.