

## **Friends of Dimond Branch Library Minutes**

**Saturday, February 4, 2023 11**

**In attendance:** Karen Marie Schroeder, Sarah Hodgson, Elena Loera, Sandy Venning, Francois Korn, Mary Schrader, Stephanie Woodbury, Tom Rose, Suzanne Knott, Gisela Merker, Liz Hendrickson and Karen Long. Karen Marie Schroeder took minutes during the meeting.

**Thanks to the Dimond Library Friends!!**

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

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

**Library garden volunteers:** Karen Long, Sandy Jaeger and Liz Hendrickson

**All the Friends who brought cookies for the December PJ Storytime!**

**Dimond Branch Updates:**

New height chart murals in the Children's area and new device charging station in the lobby

**Library Programs:** February-April calendar highlights

AARP Tax Assistance starts on 2/6. They meet by appointment on Mondays and Tuesdays from 10:30-3:30 pm.

**Dimond Library Friends' Updates:**

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

Karen Long led the discussion. She had previously emailed all members notice of the election and the responsibilities of each position.

The group discussed each open position. Several people asked about sharing a position and its responsibilities. The group decided that it would work well if the two people divided up the responsibilities and had a clear knowledge of his/her role.

An election was held by unanimous vote. Two people volunteered for the president/chairperson position; two people volunteered for treasurer position and one person volunteered for secretary.

**The new officers duly elected will be:**

**President/chairmen:** Elena Loera and Sandy Venning

**Treasurer:** Mary Schrader and Francois Korn

**Secretary:** Stephanie Woodbury

Everyone present applauded and thanked the volunteers who will be the new officers.

Karen Long and Karen Marie Schroeder, the outgoing president and treasurer, volunteered to assist in the transition process and provide any necessary materials and information/support.

## **Volunteer needs:**

- Gardening help- Liz Hendrickson has helped several times when she's available. Sandy Jaeger from the Hillside Garden Club has donated slate rock for the new garden and has several volunteers from the club who are interested in developing and maintaining the new library garden.
- Keep Oakland Beautiful grant reporting: Karen Long said that she would complete the grant reporting since she had done the original grant application. The report is due by the end of March. There will be an Earth Day celebration & dinner in April for the KOB award winners. Karen will attend and invite the new co-presidents to join her.
- Website support (updating minutes, meetings, donation capability on site, posting pictures, etc.) Karen reported that she had asked Michael Dobson, a local computer tech for help in updating the website. She asked Michael several months ago for assistance but nothing has happened yet. The new presidents said that they would continue to work on the upgrade.

**Financial Report** by Karen Marie Schroeder, Treasurer Karen Marie shared a financial report. The Friends currently have \$56,929.92 in the Bank of America account. She shared the expenditures for library programs (\$3,106) and the donations and funds earned from the ongoing book sale. (\$1146)

Sarah Hodgson reviewed the pending expenditures which have not yet been dispersed.

## **Pending**

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

\$157 Seeds for seed library

\$100 Family Yoga Program

\$106 New books for Oakland local collection

\$100 Supplies for Dimond history archive

\$200 Teen and adult program snacks

**total pending: \$1413 (already approved at previous meeting)**

**New Budget Requests:**

\$300 Raffle prizes for adults, teens and children (\$100 each) Summer Reading program

\$100 Medicinal Tea program

\$2500 Children's performers for the summer reading program

\$375 Teen volunteer appreciation party- Summer Reading program

\$200 Garden plants

\$375 AARP Safe Drive Course to cover tuition for 15 people to attend (March)

\$500 Intergenerational Drum circle (April)

\$700 Decolonize your Kitchen programs (April & September)

\$600 Cricut Maker 3 (technical tool for library staff)

\$200 Pop-up books for Children's collection

**total for new requests: \$5850**

**total for new and pending requests: \$7263**

Sarah Hodgson explained all of the new library budget requests. The group asked several questions and then voted unanimously to approve all of the new budget requests.

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

Meeting adjourned at 12:40 pm