

Friends of Dimond Branch Library Minutes
Saturday, May 6, 2023 11 am – 1 pm

Welcome Friends!

In attendance: Sandy Venning, Elena Loera, Stephanie Woodbury, François Korn, Suzanne Knott, Tom Rose, Karen Long, Karen Marie Schroeder, Sarah Hodgson, Jenn Biehn, Andus Brandt. Darshan Anant

Thanks to the Dimond Branch Library Friends!

Friends' On-going book sale: François Korn, David Weaver

Book sorting and recycling volunteers: Mary Schrader, Stephanie Woodbury, François Korn

Library garden volunteers: Karen Long, Sandy Jaeger, and Liz Henderson

National Library Week Refreshments: Sandy Venning, Stephanie Woodbury

Ashby Village Presentation with Jenn Biehn

Presentation followed by discussion of Ashby Village, people organized in the neighborhood for support as we age. Possibility of forming a Dimond Village as part of Ashby Village will be explored. Jenn Biehn will contact Sarah Hodgson to plan a presentation at the library.

Approval of February 4th meeting minutes

Minutes were unanimously approved and will be posted on the Friends' website.

Dimond Branch Updates:

- Rebekah Eppley is temporarily reassigned to Lakeview Branch
- Children's Librarian, Sunny Kim, is in charge on Saturdays
- Sarah Hodgson is retiring this summer. Her last day at work is June 16th and her retirement party is June 17th. Hopefully the new manager will start by the end of summer.

Library Programs: May-August calendar highlights

- Mindful Nature/Bird Hike with Susana Renard on May 13th
- Book Club with local author Vivian Pisano, May 17th
- Grow Your Own Herbal Garden with Claudia Noble-Levingston on May 20th.
- What You Don't Know Will Make a Whole New World: A Memoir, Book Talk with Dorothy Lazard on 5/24th

- Summer reading programs start May 27th. Tuesday nights are family programming and Saturdays are crafts.
- Intergenerational Pandemic Stories program is renamed to Sharing Stories: Making New Connections. It will take place on Saturdays, 6/10, 6/17, and 6/24.
- Toddler story time on Wednesday mornings will move to Dimond Park when weather improves

Dimond Library Friends' Updates

- New co-chairs, Sandy Venning and Elena Loera, approved two transactions between the February and May meetings:
 1. Transfer of Seed funds allocation (\$157) to Oakland Local Collection to purchase books from local authors for the Adult Book Group program
 2. Purchase of refreshments for Dimond staff for National Library Week (\$68)
- Discretionary spending between meetings. Following procedures were unanimously approved:
 1. Co-chairs can approve up to \$500 per expenditure
 2. Co-chairs will email the Dimond Friends' for an expenditure greater than \$500 requesting a response within 5 days. The majority response in favor is needed for approval.
 3. Bylaws will be updated to reflect the new procedures
- DIA request for endorsement:
Letter from DIA read concerning high property crime rate asking for additional City resources and measures concerning public safety. Discussion concerning the Friends' position as a new 501c3 and the legality of taking a political stand. It was decided not to endorse the DIA's letter at this time as it is potentially political and could put the Friends' status as a 501c3 in jeopardy. Legal advice and further research are needed. Sarah Dubois of FOPL will be contacted.
- Monetary reimbursement to Mike Dobson to update Friends' website:
Updates needed: pictures, online donation capability, link to Dimond Library website. Unanimously approved to offer \$2500 compensation.
- Oaktoberfest registration is due 6/1/23:
Unanimously approved to pay \$600 by June 1st to receive a \$25 discount. There are additional fees for chairs and tables. In the past we have staffed the space on Saturday and offered it to FOPL on Sunday.

Volunteer needs:

- Gardening help: Hillside Garden Club – helped with garden along parking lot. Dimond Shine volunteers helped in April. Additional help is needed.
- Pavers: The work is now complete. The pavers were donated by Suzanne Knott and Tom Rose.

Financial Report by François Korn, co-Treasurer.

He shared the financial report in Excel spreadsheet format. The Friends currently have \$70,108.83 in the Bank of America account. The spreadsheet listed 2023 expenditures and deposits from donations and the cash box from book sales.

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

Pending

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

\$100 Medicinal Tea Program

\$2500 Children's performers for summer reading program – may not be needed and will remain as pending

~~\$375~~ Teen volunteer appreciation party – **REMOVED** as not needed – system wide party

\$200 Garden plants

\$350 Decolonize you Kitchen programs (September)

\$750 Sharing Stores: Making New Connections (moved to June 2023)

\$100 Family Yoga Program

~~\$400~~ Supplies for Dimond history archive **REMOVED**

\$67 Teen and adult program snacks

\$110 Financial support for people in need

Total pending \$4,477

New requests

\$200 Friends' children's bookshelf – needs follow up with Eagle Scout

\$25 Portable DVD player

\$50 30-cup coffee pot for events

\$2000 To supplement adult and teen collection budget

\$350 Original Foods of Latin America program with Carmen Cortez (October)

\$160 Game Day equipment (2 controllers & cable) for Game Day program

\$400 Video Games for Game Day program

\$200 Teen and adult program refreshments

\$2500 Mike Dobson to update Friends' website

\$200 Oaktoberfest Registration

Total new requests: \$6,085

Total for new and pending requests: \$10,562

Changes to pending requested approved.

New requests approved.

Next meeting: August 5, 2023.

Request: If masks still mandated, please remove mask when speaking.

Meeting adjourned at 1 pm.

Minutes submitted by,
Stephanie Woodbury
Secretary