

Mancos Friends of the Library
Regular meeting – Monday, March 7, 2011

Present: Silvia Fleitz, Patsy Smith, Laurie Webster, Gwen Hawkins, Dana Petersen, Julia Whelihan

I. Call to order - Gwen called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Proxies - None.

III. Minutes of previous meeting - Approved without amendment.

IV. Correspondence – None.

V. Financial report – Laurie presented the financial report. Activity for the month included giving \$4,000 to the library for the photovoltaic project and \$375 to Beth Wheeler for calligraphy work on the commemorative poem. The bake sale brought in \$1,163.20 (\$788.20 from bake sale, \$275 in membership renewals). Laurie also presented a 2010 summary of income and expenses. (Attached to this report.) Dana made a motion to approve the financial report. Gwen seconded. Motion passed.

VI. Librarian's report – Patsy presented her report. Attached to these minutes. Patsy has announced she will retire from the director's position on April 30.

VII. Old Business

- A. **Valentine's Day Bake Sale** – There was brief discussion and revision of some of the call lists. Overall, it was a success again this year.
- B. **Honoring James Goff** – Still trying to contact Carolyn about what books would be best for the library to purchase with the Friends' memorial gift.
- C. **Beth Wheeler's art reception March 11** – Will include the unveiling of the first-year anniversary commemorative poem in calligraphy. Dana will send an email invitation to the Friends.
- D. **Recognition of landscape donors** - restarting fundraiser
 - 1. Julia talked to Case Saddlery in Dolores about laser engraving of a sculpture. It's very inexpensive but the largest piece they can engrave is 24 inches.
 - 2. Julia, Gwen, and Laurie will continue to act as a committee to finalize possibilities for the donor recognition and possibly present ideas to the Library Board as well for their input.
- E. **Distribution of Book Page** – Silvia talked to Joan Brind'Amour about helping distribute the Book Pages and reported Joan would be happy to help with that.

VIII. New Business

- A. **Vision and Goals for Strategic Plan** – Laurie briefly presented the draft plan.
- B. **Request for funds for new vacuum cleaner for meeting room** – Julia reported on a research trip to WalMart and recommended a \$188 Bissell with a five-year warranty.

Dana made a motion authorizing the library to spend up to \$225 on a new vacuum with spare HEPA filter. Gwen seconded. Motion passed.

- C. **Spring Book sale** – We need to have a sale. The Zircon is full as well as the book return closet. Setup Friday, April 8, 2-5. The sale will open at 9 a.m. for Friends only, then 10 a.m. for everyone else. We will serve coffee and cookies or donuts for the Friends' only sale and run until 3 p.m. We will also use the opportunity to kick off the landscaping fundraising again. Silvia and Dana will do publicity and a sign-up sheet.

IX. Miscellaneous business

- A. Julia is going to see about getting a bigger basket for the free books.
- B. Gwen and Silvia would like to find a stool or bench of some sort to have in front of the sale bookshelf. Julia thought that sounded fine.

X. New Business

A. Laurie announced the Jersey Jim Foundation has donated two nights again for the Friends to auction off. The dates are May 27-28 (Memorial Day weekend). Julia is going to look for the publicity poster from last year's silent auction and Dana will work on getting press releases out when the bid sheet is in place. Bidding will close at 7 p.m. Monday, May 2.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting adjourned at 8:20 p.m.

The next meeting will be Monday, April 4, 7 p.m.

Director's Report
March 7, 2011

1. I am retiring from the Library on April 30 after 18 ½ great years.
2. The 36 photo voltaic panel system will be installed in April. Thank you, Friends for your financial support of this project.
3. The Board approved a revised Purchasing Policy on 2/24/2011.
4. Bob Wilson and Kathy Merrill are switching offices in April: Bob will be vice president and Kathy will be treasurer.
5. The Search committee has begun work for hiring a new Director. Advertisements are out and applications will be accepted through April 1, with interviews and hiring during April.
6. The Strategic Planning committee is progressing with the new Plan, which will be completed by the first of April.
7. March Programs:
 - March 8 at 6:30pm - Kate Nile, author of The Book of John
 - March 10 at 7:00pm – Pushing the Elephant, Cinema film
 - March 21 from 10:30am 0 12:00pm - Great Decisions – Horn of Africa
 - No Open Mic this month