

## Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries

### Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, May 17, 2022

5:00 p.m. Virtual Meeting

Conducted via Zoom Meeting

**Board Members** Janis O'Driscoll, Nora Brink, Keith Gudger, Cindy Jackson, Michele Mosher, Laura Albrecht, Robin Holland, Gail Levine (until 6:00), Debby Peronto, Lynn Marcus-Wyner, Sarah Clark, Monica Parikh, Marc Winqvist (as of 6:15 PM)

**Staff:** None Present.

**Guests:** Eric Howard, Jesse Silva.

1. **Call to Order** – President O'Driscoll called the meeting to order at 5:03 PM.
2. **Roll Call & Establish a Quorum** Roll was completed, and quorum established for a Board of Director's Meeting as of 5:08 PM.
3. **Report of Secretary** – Nora Brink
  - a. **Motion** - Adopt the Agenda – M/S Levine/Marcus-Wyner to adopt the agenda as presented. Motion to adopt the agenda passed unanimously.
  - b. **Motion** – Approval of the Minutes from the April 19<sup>th</sup> 2022 Board Meeting. M/S Levine/O'Driscoll to approve the minutes as presented. Motion passed unanimously.
4. **Report on Library Activities within the Jails and Juvenile Hall - Jesse Silva**

Jesse is sharing information on the County Corrections Facilities Library Jail Services, whom they serve and the programs they facilitate. Services including book deliveries, registration for library accounts, filling general book requests as well as story time programs like People & Stories. The CCF has a special collection of books, which are partial purchased with funds from the Sheriff's budget as they are seeing the positive impact this program has. Additional programs are in the works, for example for Juvenile Hall.
5. **Library Director's Report** – Eric Howard

Eric reported from the wonderful opening at Boulder Creek that took place and on June 11<sup>th</sup> Garfield Park will open up. He also reported on the Libraries work on Equality, which the library has been working on since 2020 and it will be part of the how the library is shaping their future collection services and programs, as well as Library culture and hiring practices.
6. **President's Report** – Janis O'Driscoll

Janis reported that the Library received \$27,500 from the State Library fund to purchase Chromebooks and accessories. Previously provided funds from the Friends for the same purpose will now be used to provide hot spots to patrons.

Janis also reminded all fellow Board members that the Westside Farmers Market will take place on Saturdays and tabling opportunities are plentiful.

The Library is participating in the gay pride parade and is looking for parade monitors, volunteers are welcome to participate.

Janis is also bring up that the idea of a membership model for the Friends is being discussed again. There may be Board members who are looking to participate in developing this further.

Janis also alert the Board about the upcoming election officers and encouraged the fellow board members to be part of the Executive Committee.

Lastly Janis reviewed with the Board the finalization of the Friend's support of the downtown library project. It will then be forwarded to Real Solutions Benefit Pact to add the Friends as a supporter.

- a. **Motion:** The Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries (FSCPL) support the vision of a new downtown library and affordable housing project for Santa Cruz, developed with extensive public engagement and repeated City Council approval. FSCPL opposes the ODOF initiative and expected ballot measure to freeze our downtown in place, and you can add the Friends of the Santa Cruz Public Libraries to your growing list of opponents.

M/S O'Driscoll/Marcus-Wynner move to approve the motion as stated. The motion passes unanimously.

## 7. Executive Director's Report

Bruce written report was provided to the Board a funding request from the Library form the capital campaign funds:

**Motion:** Approve the distribution of \$18,275.00 from the Capital Campaign fund for furnishings for Branciforte as requested by Yolande Wilburn on 4/26/22.

M/S Brink/Jackson to approve the motion as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

Bruce also reported that the 990 for 2021 has been filed.

Martin as the liaison to the Real Solutions for Santa Cruz and he is proposing to support their campaign and their campaign, specifically polling.

**Motion:** Approve the request from Real Solutions 4 Santa Cruz for \$10,000 towards the cost of polling re the proposed ballot measure opposing the downtown mixed use library building.

M/S O'Driscoll/Gudger move to approve the motion as presented. A lengthy conversation was held about the donation, source of the funds, pros & cons. Janis withdrew the motion from the floor for further clarification.

**Motion:** The Board approves to provide \$10,000 to fund polling by Real Solutions 4 Santa Cruz and directs the Finance Committee to make that available.

M/S Clark/Holland to approve the motion as presented. The motion carried with 12 yes/1 no/1 abstentions.

## 8. Chapter Reports

Written Reports were provided to the Board for their information.

## 9. Committee Reports

### a. Finance/Treasurer's Report – Keith Gudger

Keith provided his report from the finance committee including April financials.

### b. Advocacy Committee Report – Robin Holland

Robin urgent everybody present again to sign up for the Farmer's market on the Westside.

### c. Policy and Procedures – Michele Mosher

**Motion:** For the Board to accept and adopt the revised Personelle Policy as presented to the Board by the Policy and Procedures Committee.

Mosher/Gudger to approve the motion as presented. The motion carried unanimously.

### c. Development Committee – Cindy Jackson

Cindy had nothing to report but asks everybody to review all materials stored in the Development Committee's board folder.

### d. DEI Ad Hoc Committee Notes

## 10. Agenda Building for Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup>, 2022 (5:00 PM)

- a. Reviewing quarterly in person meetings starting July in Felton

- b. Staffing needs
- c. 2022 Priorities list

**9. Closed Session**

There was no closed session as there were no items needing to be discussed.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:38 PM

Minutes were taken by Nora Brink.

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

APPROVED