

**Friends of the Amador County Library**  
**Minutes**  
**July 19, 2016**

**Call to order** at 9:00 AM

**Roll Call**

Present: JoAnn Chevrette, Jim Powell, Michele Powell, and Rick Spenkel

Absent: Jan Hewitt, Elizabeth Rhein and Bonnie Toy

Ex Officio: Laura Einstadter

Guests: Helen Bierce and Claire Wait

Quorum: Quorum declared

**Approval of June Minutes:** M/S/P- J. Powell/Meadows/Accepted unanimously

**Correspondence:** None

**Guest Business:**

Helen Bierce stressed the importance of our screening book donations before we accept them.

Claire Wait reported that she is working on registering our ten LFL- Little Free Libraries with LFL.org. After they are registered, then the LF.org will add them to the list and map.

**Treasurer's Report:** J. Powell

Report from 6/21/16 to 7/18/16

Income: \$1,44.99

Outflow: \$1,793.79

Balance: \$49,945.67

M/S/P Chevrette/Meadows/Accepted Unanimously

Jim Howard completed financial review; he found no issues or problems and is preparing the formal report.

**Library Director's Report:** Einstadter

Summer Reading Program-

The summer reading program has been going well. Parents are happy with the choice of requirements for the reading program. As in previous years, 4 grand prize winners will be chosen from those children who have completed the reading program.

Overall this year's reading program participants are down which most likely is due to reduced open hours at the library and the fact that there are many competing programs and activities for children during the summer.

New Location for P.G. branch-

Laura reported that the property she looked at on Hwy 88 would be a wonderful place for the branch. It has a kitchen, open space, porch, space for a children's' library, meeting room, basement for storage, lots of parking, ADA compliant. Rent is \$1,200 a month and Laura feels that \$500 is all she can afford. Currently \$11,800 is what is allotted for rent for all the branches annually. There was discussion about closing the P.G. branch and buying a small bookmobile that wouldn't require a special DL.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**Book Room Discussion-: Helen Bierce, see Guest Business**

### **Book Room Keys:**

There is no current list of those who have keys to the book room. It was decided to track down where all the book room keys are and develop an accurate current list.

### **Update “Book Collectors” List**

Rick is going to get the last known list and update it so it is accurate and reliable.

**New Location for Pine Grove Branch: see Guest Business**

### **Computer for Board Use:**

Jim Powell proposed that FACL buy a laptop for FACL where the Treasurer’s records can be kept. There was unanimous agreement. Don Meadows who worked for Hewlett-Packard volunteered to investigate H-P’s donation program.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

**FACL 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary: Tabled**

### **Board Candidates:**

JoAnn Chevrette reported the Patt McHugh is interested in joining the board and will be at the August meeting.

**LFL Registration Funding: Tabled**

### **Poet Laureate Update:**

It was recognized and accepted that the poet laureate program is being conducted in conjunction with arts programs and organizations, and not libraries.

### **Plaque for Major Donors:**

Michele presented her report and database. The following decisions were made. 1) The Native Sons will have one name badge listing all the parlours and the state organization, 2) Donors will be on the name badges, but not any specific program for which the money was given, 3) We will get a new badge for Chuck Lowrie, 4) We will secure permission from donors to place their names on the plaque. Michele will continue with the project.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Annual Concert- Venue will be P.G. Community Church, contract signed with artist.

Book Sale: Nothing new, all is set and on target

Communications: Jim will try Constant Contact as a tool for communication with members.

Membership: No changes since last month, Discussion tabled as Bonnie Toy absent.

Adjournment: 10:25- Next Meeting August 16, 2016  
Respectfully Submitted, Michele Powell acting for Elizabeth Rhein