

Friends of the Almaden Library
November 20, 2007 - Post-Sale Meeting Minutes

President Edna Sewill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Officers present: Edna Sewill, President; Linda Spencer, VP/Membership Chairman; Liesel Wilson, Treasurer; and Barbara Beswetherick, Secretary. Also present were Pam Crider, Almaden Library Branch Manager, and several Friends members.

Linda Spencer, VP/Membership Chairman, reported that we currently have 119 members. The membership seems to fluctuate somewhat around the 120 figure. We recently gained two new members and lost one member who passed away. A suggestion was made to send reminders to members who have not yet paid their yearly dues for 2007.

Linda also reported that a check for a \$1,000 contribution to the Friends was received from one member. It was agreed that a personal thank you note should be sent to him and to any other special contributors.

Linda reminded us that the pre-sale meeting for the April book sale will be on Tuesday, March 4th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and the post-sale and annual meeting on Tuesday, May 6th, from 6:30 p.m. to 8 p.m. For the fall book sale, the pre-sale meeting will be on Tuesday, September 16th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m., and the post-sale meeting on Tuesday, November 18th, from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

Liesel Wilson, Treasurer, presented the financial report. Our current bank balance is \$13,864.51. The proceeds from the fall book sale were \$3,124, the best sale ever. Lobby book sales remain strong, averaging around \$450 per month. The ongoing request for permission for a 3-foot by 8-foot banner to be displayed over the front entrance of the library during our book sales was discussed, and Pam assured us she is pursuing it. Up to \$260 has been allocated for the purchase when and if the issue of a logo is resolved.

Barbara Beswetherick, Secretary, read the September 26, 2007, Pre-Sale Draft Meeting Minutes. The minutes were accepted as read.

Vince Tarpey, Library Commissioner, was not present, so there was no report.

Pam Crider presented the list of librarians' requests for up to \$12,000 if the Friends agree with the following amounts:

Programming

Silicon Valley Reads	\$ 300
Persian New Year	500
Outreach give-aways	1000
Programming	1000

Collections

General collection additions, including:

Books on CD	\$ 3000
Books on MP3	500
ESL/New Reader BOCD	500
Educational Resources	1000
Parenting	300
(a church is giving \$500)	
Art Books	500
Home Decorating	500
Korean	2000
Persian	1500
Learn a Language	1000
Miscellaneous	1200

A motion was made, seconded, and passed to allocate \$10,000 as an initial amount, with an additional \$2,000 to be made available, if needed. Pam mentioned that an additional fund of \$1000 will be allocated from the library's budget between December and May of 2008 to each library that can qualify for repeated events held during this period, i.e., children's puppet shows, etc.

Pam also reported that the three historical Almaden photographs that the Friends sponsored have now been hung, as well as our donor plaque in the lobby book sale area. She said that the Harvest Festival, which included a bake sale and story reading, was such a success that it may become an annual event. The Friends had a table there to advertise our fall book sale, and the decorative Halloween bags that we provided were passed out. We also supplied the refreshments at the Doris Dillon Children's Library dedication.

Pam showed samples of the winning decorative sketches drawn for bookmarks. Contest prizes were awarded for the best five entries. These prizes were given to the young students at the children's library dedication ceremony.

Edna and Linda will be going to the All Friends meeting on December 1st. We are hoping that the issue of storage space will be addressed because Almaden Friends is in dire need of more storage space for boxes of donated books for our book sales.

Two new joint ventures of libraries and community centers will be under construction in the near future. The two sites are: South Bascom Ave., near the Del Mar area, which will be a new location, and Seventrees, which will be replacing the existing building.

Edna and Linda showed us the recently received notarized Articles of Incorporation for our proposed non-profit corporation. Our next step will be to send a copy of our Bylaws and other required material to complete the process.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Pam then showed us the three photographs of the New Almaden area, one hanging in the group study room and two in the living room. These are the enlarged historical pictures that the Friends paid for enlarging and framing.