

## **Friends of the Almaden Library**

### **March 4, 2008 – Pre-Sale Meeting Minutes**

President Edna Sewill called the meeting to order at 2:10PM. A sign-in sheet was passed around. Nancy Koppel volunteered to take these minutes in Barb Beswetherick's absence.

Linda Spencer, VP/Membership Chairman, handed out the Membership Report. We currently have 120 members. Linda asked that we set up a procedure to deal with people who have not paid their dues. They have been notified twice. It was decided that this time one more letter would be sent to them. Bob Durbeck suggested we give them one month to respond and then we drop them as members if they haven't responded.

Linda has changed her e-mail address. It is now [Linda@spencer40.com](mailto:Linda@spencer40.com). She asked if it would be okay to look into getting a domain for the Friends Web site. The name Almaden Friends.org was suggested. Everyone agreed to the name. Linda is to look into getting a domain as long as it costs \$25 or less per year.

Liesel Wilson, Treasurer, presented the financial report. Our current checking account balance is \$4,382.31. At the recent author talk, the Friends sold 25 books by the author who then autographed them. It was a successful event with close to 100 attendees. The Friends Lobby Book sales are bringing in about \$500 per month.

Linda brought in copies of Barb Beswetherick's Secretary's Report of the November 20, 2007 Post-Sale Meeting Minutes. We read the minutes, and then they approved them as written.

Pam Crider gave her Branch Manager's Report. The Summer Reading Program funding is being changed. The King Library has been funding the program up until now. Each branch is being asked to contribute \$500 to the fund for the program. The funding will now be a system-wide pooling of resources. Liesel made a motion for Almaden Friends to contribute \$500 to the Summer Reading Program, and Linda seconded the motion. The motion passed with one member abstaining.

Pam also brought up a proposed special in-house program for the Almaden Branch Library, the Women's History Trivia Quiz. Gift certificates for Almaden Friends merchandise will be given to those patrons who take the quiz. We looked at and discussed the draft copy of a certificate that Pam brought to show us. After several

suggestions were considered, it was decided to have the certificate say that it is good for "1 Free Item up to \$2". It would be good on all the things that the Friends sell, not just books. It could be used at a Book Sale as well as in the Lobby Book Sale area. We felt that the staff member who awards the certificate should sign it so that the Friends would know it is legitimate. Bob made the motion for approval of the distribution of gift certificates for the Women's History Trivia Quiz, and Linda seconded it. The motion carried unanimously.

Bob Durbeck gave a report on the Dedication of the Almaden Historical Pictures which will be held starting at 2 PM on Saturday, April 5th. Bob's group, the Committee for Almaden Historical Awareness (CAHA), has worked hard to make the community aware of the history of New Almaden. Docents will be by the pictures to discuss them and answer questions, history books on the Almaden Valley will be displayed, a continuous slide show will run in the Community Center, and refreshments will be served.

Edna presented the President's Report. We are encouraged to attend a City Council meeting to hear a discussion on filtering of library computer displays. An All Friends meeting is being held at the Berryessa Branch Library from 10 AM to 12 noon on Saturday, March 8th. Edna is going and will drive others if they wish to attend. The June meeting of the group will be at our Almaden Branch Library.

Linda gave each of us a packet on Friends of the Almaden Library Book Sale Preparation. We went through it and discussed various aspects of it. Bob Durbeck, Liesel Wilson, and Edna Sewill volunteered to take the posters around to the three nearby shopping centers. Nancy Koppel will start calling for volunteers for set up, sales, and clean up shifts. Pam or Ed will be available on Friday and Saturday to help with library and Community Center logistics. Ed will be in charge of the student volunteers. Linda will be coordinating the whole process. The packet is very well organized.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:50 PM.