

Friends of the Almaden Library

September 16, 2008 -- Pre-Sale Membership Meeting

Monica Bellizzi, our new president, called the meeting to order at 2:00 PM. Present were Monica, President; Linda Spencer, VP/Membership Chairman; Liesel Wilson, Treasurer; Barb Beswetherick, Secretary; and Pam Crider, Library Branch Manager. Introductions were made, with each person presenting a short personal background.

Linda handed out the current Friends membership list with addresses. We currently have 112 members. She has received dues from 16 members to date and will send a reminder letter to those who have not yet paid. She has received a total of \$435 from donations (from 12 members). Four annual members joined in 2008, so do not owe dues as yet. There was a suggestion of issuing a Friends membership card, but was rejected because at present there is no application of any use for it, i.e. discounts, etc.

Liesel Wilson, treasurer, reported a balance of \$9474.08. There has been an average of \$600 per month from Lobby book sales. She stated there is an over abundance of Friends T-shirts, and it was decided that we would offer a free shirt with anyone paying for a Friends membership at the upcoming book sale. The T-shirt will be on display at the sale. Another use was discussed of giving one to the PW Super Market manager for supplying us with the bags for the last hour of \$5.00 bag of books, and the possibility of other use for them as gifts. We now have a mail slot for the door of our book room. It has worked out well to hold the mail of checks, etc.

Barb Beswetherick, secretary, read the May post sale minutes. They were approved as written.

Pam Crider gave the Branch Manager's report and submitted a few items for checks to be written. She still thinks that the \$4000 we allocated in May may be enough to complete her wish list, but she will know more at the post sale meeting in November. Two items were presented on the wish list: \$50 for library fall decorations for Linda Webster and a water cooler stand for the staff. She showed us the picture of one available at Costco for approximately \$175. Liesel made a motion for the \$175 and \$50 for the fall decorations. The motion was seconded and approved. She filled us in on some new programs now at the library. Kaye has initiated a history discussion group and also a fiction book group. Ed is doing a special story time for kids with special needs which is held on Saturday (by registration only). He is trying it for 3 months to see if it would be something to continue on a regular basis or just every few months. So far he has received positive feedback. The Silicon Valley Reads and the Traveling Lantern Group were also mentioned by Pam. She had a sample of the Halloween bags that were ordered to be given out at the Harvest Festival, October 25th, which is the last Saturday in October.

Linda presented the agenda for the set up of the book sale. She will send out post cards to all members reminding them of the date. We still need a chairman for organizing the volunteers, and Barb suggested Joan Wagner. Linda will contact her. We decided to have 8 young people at the start of the sale and 8 at the end with 4 as roaming volunteers. Monica suggested using the four as valets to aid people with taking their books to their cars in the parking lot in addition to their straightening of the books. It was

decided to supply 3 pizzas for the young Teen Reach volunteers' lunch, and we will have Round Table in the Redmond shopping center deliver them. Posters were handed out for 4 shopping centers. Linda will take care of PW, Barb-Lucky, Liesel-Safeway, Pam-Country Kitchen.

The sign advertising the book sale for over the entrance does not look favorable because of the need for Parks and Recreation approval which has not been forthcoming, however there may be an electronic sign installed outside in the future, where events would be posted and we could be included.

Linda mentioned the organization of Friends of the Library U.S.A. to which Edna sent the membership application for Friends of the Almaden Library. Pam said she liked the magazine they publish.

The 501(c)(3) non-profit status is still in the works, and the additional requested paperwork has been submitted.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM.