

Friends of the Almaden Library

May 8, 2007 – Post-Sale and Annual Meeting Minutes

President Edna Sewill called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Attendees filled out the Sign-In Sheet. Officers present: Edna Sewill, President; Linda Spencer, VP/Membership Chairman; and Liesel Wilson, Treasurer. Members present were Pam Crider (Library Branch Manager), Margaret Inglese, Mary Lee Holland, and Barbara Beswetherick.

Linda Spencer, VP/Membership Chairman, reported that we have 118 members: 79 Patrons, 5 Complimentary, and 34 Annual members. Letters will be sent to all members on around August 1st with an explanation of annual dues (due by September 1st). An explanation of the need for dues will be included (newsletter costs, etc), and any funds not spent for the newsletters are added to money given to the library.

Liesel Wilson, Treasurer, presented the ledger report. Our current bank balance is \$15,078.69. The April book sale netted \$2,729.50. Adding the week's approximate Lobby Sale amount brought the book sale net to an even \$3000.00. Thanks goes to Thrivent Financial for Lutherans (Central Santa Clara County Chapter, Sharon Nunnenkamp, Financial Officer), for pledging to match one half of the total sale and presenting us with an additional \$1,500.

Linda said that she had made a minor change to the online draft minutes of the March 6, 2007 meeting, changing "books" to "donated books" when referring to the items that we offer for sale. These minutes of the March 6, 2007 meeting were approved.

Vince Tarpey, Library Commissioner, was not present, and so there was no report at this time.

In the process of filing for 501(c)(3) nonprofit status, Linda has resubmitted our Articles of Incorporation after correcting an error. We expect the Articles to be accepted and returned from the Secretary of State's office soon, at which time we can continue with the next steps of the 501(c)(3) filing process.

In order to sell more material, Linda would like us to consider selling other types of items in the Lobby Sale area, like VHS tapes for \$1.00. (Annie says this works at Santa Teresa). Other suggestions include trying a Saturday sale once, on the day of the next "Kids Program" on a Saturday morning; selling "Special Price" books in the Lobby Sale area up to \$5; keeping only "very good" quality books in our small storage area to sell in the Lobby Sale area (perhaps we could move items that do not sell to the King Library Friends); and trying to sell some "excellent" books on Amazon.com (if we find in the Survey this fall any member(s) interested in trying it). There is great concern that we are in need of more storage space, as the largest place we were using previously is not available to us at this time. We also discussed the possibility of sharing book supplies with other branches that are not as fortunate with donations as the Almaden area. For people donating books to FAL, the Donation Bin has been moved to the area near the front desk for easier access and supervision.

We also have been very successful with monthly Lobby Book Sales. From Jan. 1st to March 30th, sales have amounted to \$1,208. Pam Crider will ask for a work order from Mary Nacu that is needed before our carpenters can fashion a better pilferage free donation box for the Lobby Sales books. Several ideas were suggested for its design. Linda also is going to personally pick up "new condition" books from a person on Olive Branch Lane that wants to donate books to the Friends.

Pam presented her Wish List in detail. She had some exciting programs in mind including a special "Harry Potter" teen festivity in July to celebrate the final volume of the books. Also included in her list were programs for celebration of the 1st anniversary of the library opening, materials not covered such as; periodicals, new DVD's, audio books, author visits, craft supplies, language materials, and adult programming. We generously increased her estimate to \$10,000, for which Liesel wrote checks.

The three pictures that Friends sponsored for the "Committee for Almaden Awareness" (CAHA) that have been enlarged will be hung with 2 in the living room on either side of the fireplace and the 3rd (a picture of the 1st reading room in Almaden) in the group study area. They should be ready soon.

The first anniversary of the Almaden Library/Community Center facility will be on May 13, 2007, and the celebration is scheduled for Saturday, May 19th. The two art pieces which were not completed in time for the building opening last year will be commemorated. The Castellero Choir will sing in the lobby starting at 1:00 PM. Councilmember Nancy Pyle will give a short talk beginning at 1:30 PM in the inside courtyard. Jane Light, Library Director, will also be present. The Friends will contribute up to \$500 to help pay for the cake and water for attendees.

Pam brought the "Inside San Jose Magazine" showing our AL/CC which has recently been recognized for its architecture and unique pairing of a branch library and community center in a shared facility. It was also named as 2006 winning state award for many categories. The facility was also included in "American Libraries" design showcase which highlighted 27 new and recently renovated library facilities across the nation. Many representatives from other counties have scheduled tours of our facility.

The Nominating Committee which met a week ago was three Friends members: Sharon Dunn, Margaret Inglese, and Bob Durbeck. Margaret nominated the following slate of officers:

Edna Sewill - President
Linda Spencer - Vice President/Membership Chairman
Liesel Wilson - Treasurer
Barbara Beswetherick - Secretary

The motion to elect these officers was moved, seconded, and passed.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 PM.