



FRIENDS OF SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY,  
SKYLINE HILLS CHAPTER

November 15, 2016 MINUTES

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**BOOK DISCUSSION 6PM**

November: "Waiting for Snow in Havana" by Carlos Eire (OneBook San Diego!)

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**BUSINESS MEETING 7PM**

Attending:

**Friends:** Adrian, Cathy, Cora, Dolores, John, Kim

**Library:** Glenn, Elaine

**Guests:** Vivian

1. Approve minutes - Glenn motioned to approve the Oct. 2016 minutes as submitted; Dolores seconded, it passed unanimously.
2. Public Comment: guest Vivien mentioned she is a Library Tech student at Palomar and is interested in joining the Friends, and volunteering in the library
3. Librarian's Report
  - a. Branch update - Glenn reported that they are working through the punch list of building & construction issues post construction. There is a 3-day "Touchpoint" training for YSLs (Youth Services Librarians) that Elaine was attending. Kim asked about not seeing as many event flyers, Glenn would make sure they got to the Friends for sharing. Upcoming programs: Dec. popular parol lantern; also Timbuktu on Nov. 21
  - b. Funding request(s) - none at this time.
  - c. Matching Funds report - *deferred to next meeting.*
4. Strategic Plan - Kim reviewed the three goals requiring action by the Board (strengthen the Board, Improve communication, and increase fundraising). Cathy motioned to accept the Strategic Plan (with amended deadlines for projects), Adrian seconded. It passed unanimously. Kim will add Strategic Plan status updates to future agendas.
5. Treasurer's / Membership reports (Cathy)
  - a. Income / Expenses / Bank balance - Cathy reported the Friends had income of \$323 (\$35 memberships, \$20 donations, \$268 in book sales), and spent \$239 since the Oct. meeting.
  - b. Bookstore Report - Kim reported that in the first month of operations, the bookstore earned \$550 (compared to \$365 for all of FY2015-16).
  - c. Membership Report - Kim reminded everyone that that the membership drive for 2017 was underway. To reach our Strategic Plan goal of a 30% increase over last year, we need \$95. Last year we had two \$100 business memberships; this year we have one; everyone was encouraged to ask the local businesses they frequent to support the library.

6. Books and Membership (BAM!) Kim reported that the bookstore will attempt a "Black Friday" after Thanksgiving sale (thanks Elaine for the great suggestion!). Carol Ann & Kim were committed to setup Wed. Cathy volunteered to work Friday, Vivian on Saturday. Glenn said the Friends could borrow the rolling shelves for display.
7. Essay Contest - Elaine reported that she has contacted schools. Contest deadline is Dec 16. For more information, visit <https://www.sandiego.gov/public-library/kidsandteens/studentessaycontest>
8. Results of Book Discussion Survey - Kim provided a list of suggested titles for discussion, based on the survey results, and on materials readily available in the SDPL collection. The following list is a suggestion only; other suggestions are appreciated!
  - Dec. 20 "[The Brief & Wonderous Life of Oscar Wao](#)," Junot Diaz (FIC DIAZ)
  - Jan. 17 "[The Bean Trees](#)," Barbara Kingsolver (FIC KINGSOLVER)
  - Feb. 21 "[The Other Wes Moore](#)," Wes Moore (B MOORE)
  - Mar. 21 "[Bel Canto](#)" Ann Patchett (FIC PATCHETT)
  - Apr. 18 "[Cutting for Stone](#)" Abraham Vergeese (FIC VERGESE)
  - May 16 "[The Monopolists](#)" Mary Pilon (794 PILON)
9. Administration/Record keeping - Everyone was reminded to give Kim their hours so they could be reported to the Corporate chapter.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:54pm.

- Kim Laru  
Secretary

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### **Next meeting:**

#### **December 20:**

**6pm:** Book discussion: "[The Brief & Wonderous Life of Oscar Wao](#)" by Junot Diaz

2008 Pulitzer Prize winner, "a sweet but disastrously overweight ghetto nerd, a New Jersey romantic who dreams of becoming the Dominican J.R.R. Tolkien and, most of all, of finding love..."

**7pm:** Friends business meeting