



FRIENDS OF SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY,
SKYLINE HILLS CHAPTER

March 21, 2017 MINUTES

BOOK DISCUSSION 6PM

"Bel Canto" by Ann Patchett

BUSINESS MEETING 7PM

Attending:

Board members: Chris, Dolores, John, Kim, (Absent: Carol Ann, Cathy)

Friends: Bria, Vivian

Library: Elaine, Glenn

1. Approve February 21 2017 minutes. Kim noted an error in the minutes under 5a, Kim gave the treasurer's report in Cathy's absence. Glenn motioned to approve revised minutes, Dolores seconded. The motion passed unanimously.
2. Public Comment: none
3. Librarian's Report
 - a. Branch update - Glenn noted the Senior Mobile Tech Lab had been pleased with 7 attendees last month. **[Action] Kim** will include the flyer with these minutes & urged the group to share the info with others. Glenn noted that caregivers are also a target audience. Glenn recently toured the Computers2SD Kids facility, and said 13 people were signed up for Saturday's C2SD program. The intent is for parents to attend and determine the family's eligibility for new computer. Glenn reported that SCORE will hold a weekly series of four Business Basics classes Wed. afternoons at 2pm beginning April 12. Also, a new student artwork installation would be hung by Write out Loud in the Community Room for April's National Poetry Month, followed by another art installation in May from Paradise Skills marking Pacific Islander Heritage Month. Elaine noted the Science program is on hold until May due to scheduling issues.
 - b. Funding requests - none at this time
 - c. Matching Funds - as of February: Programs \$1301, Equipment 0, Books: 0. Glenn noted the books account had \$10,416 in Dec., and he will contact City finance to find out where it went, and also find out if/when the Equipment fund will be restored after the RFID purchases last year. Kim asked if the Friends should keep money in the Matching Funds accounts in order to pay quickly for a program that qualifies (i.e. Zzymzzy Quarter), but in light of these "disappearing" funds, the group agreed to forward funds only as specific expenditures arise.
 - d. Status of Friends Signage & storage in staff room (FF&E funds - Fixtures Furniture & Equip). When the building opened, Sheila (Dep. Library Director) suggested to Kim that the remainder of the FF&E funds for building the Skyline Hills branch might be used to purchase an a-frame sign holder; similarly, Glenn said it might be used to purchase a locking cabinet in the workroom for the Friends. The City is still waiting for contractors to finish purchasing items for the building in order of priority; as that fund decreases, it will determine what at the

bottom of the list can be covered, or what must be paid for by the Friends. This decreasing fund may also prompt future funding requests from the Glenn as "wish list" items drop off unfunded.

- e. Status of "Dolores" book purchases - Elaine provided a paper copy of the completed purchase; **[Action]** **Kim** will look for email from Elaine and attach the list with these minutes.
4. April Election - The slate for officers and Board members-at-large was reviewed and will be voted on at the April meeting.
 5. Strategic Plan
 - a. Status Update - Vivian is working on the website with Jaime from Arboreta / RISE SD; Kim is working on the Board manual in advance of the April election.
 - b. 2017-18 Strategic Plan - Kim requested each member review and select three strategic plan goals for the Friends to pursue in 2017-2018 from the list of suggestions. Bria asked about the library adding TESOL (Teaching English to Students of Other languages) programming, and noted she is a Certified TESOL Instructor. Glenn mentioned some branches have ESL class or conversation cafes. Also, there is a Resource Fair at the branch on May 18 involving Briana of _____ and the SD Office of Continuing Education to help ESL learners. SDCE has minimum participation of 25 students, whereas volunteer TESOL learners would not. **[Action]** **Glenn** will follow up on possible ESL programming and thanked Bria for her interest.
 6. Treasurer's / Membership reports (Kim)
 - a. Kim referred to the Monthly Income / Expenses report, which showed that as of March 14, our monthly income was \$439.72 (\$51.97 in donations and \$387.75 in books sales). Our expenditures were \$685.53 (\$422.72 for library programs, \$82.81 for library materials, \$180 for book store marketing, and .72c in bank expenses (credit card processing). As of 3/14, our bank balance was \$4,572.89.
 - b. Funding requests
 - i. Kim suggested the Friends purchase a printer for back room that would be used for Friends materials, and for library marketing & promotional materials (this would constitute a Friends donation to the Library). Liking the idea, **[ACTION]** **John & Vivian** will research printers based on the parameters in Kim's attached memo. John suggested the Epson EcoTank for \$450.
 - ii. Kim noted that the Friends can pay for Oasis classes, and **[ACTION]** **Glenn & Elaine** should review the class schedule at <https://www.oasisnet.org/San-Diego-CA/Classes> for the most appropriate selections. All Friends members were encouraged to make suggestions as well, understanding that lectures are \$300 and crafts classes are more. These can be added to funding requests at the next meeting.
 - c. Bookstore Report - The big book sale is THIS weekend; Kim reported we still need one more volunteer for Saturday afternoon, 2-6. Dolores volunteered for 2-5. We have two new volunteers: Bria Alvarez, and Caroline Green. New hours beginning in May 1: Mon & Thurs 2-5, Tues & Wed 3-7, Fri & Sat. 12-4 (& some Saturday mornings to catch Community Room traffic).
 - d. Membership Report - we received one adult renewal (\$10) and one new dual adult/family (\$20), total of 50 members, a new chapter high!
 7. Outreach / Communication -
 - a. John reported that the Skyline/Paradise Hills Community Planning Group Meeting will be moving to the Skyline Hills branch in May. The meeting occurs the 2nd Tuesday. Kim asked

about the Library Community Garden; Jeanné Waterford was not at the last meeting. John noted it is primarily Parks & Rec. issue.

- b. Advocacy - Kim reminded everyone that the library was going to experience budget cuts (Glenn suggested 1.9% and 1.8% over each of the next two years). Kim asked the Friends to make their voices known to Myrtle Cole's office, and if possible to attend the budget meetings in May.
 - c. District 4 Block Party at MLK Park - Kim reported she had spoken to JoAnn Fields, who is coordinating a block party in June; exact date to be determined. Kim suggested it would be good for the Friends &/or the Library to have a presence, and suggested the Friends might want to invest in a table, skirt, and signage for this type of community outreach.
8. Administration/Record keeping - none.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:06 pm

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Next meeting:

Tuesday, April 18, 2017

6pm book discussion "[Cutting for Stone](#)" by Abraham Verghese (FIC VERGHESE)

7pm business meeting

UPCOMING BOOK DISCUSSIONS:

May 16 "[The Monopolists: Obsession, Fury, and the Scandal Behind the World's Favorite Board Game](#)" Mary Pilon (794 PILON) *Nonfiction*: Reveals the unknown story of how Monopoly came into existence, the reinvention of its history by Parker Brothers and multiple media outlets, the lost female originator of the game, and one man's lifelong obsession to tell the true story about the game's questionable origins.

June 20 "[Treasure Island](#)" Robert Lewis Stevenson (FIC/STEVENSON) *Fiction / classic / adventure*: Reveals the unknown story of how Monopoly came into existence, the reinvention of its history by Parker Brothers and multiple media outlets, the lost female originator of the game, and one man's lifelong obsession to tell the true story about the game's questionable origins.

July 18 "[Dreamers of the Day](#)" Robert Lewis Stevenson (FIC/STEVENSON) *Historical fiction*: A forty-year-old schoolteacher from Ohio, Agnes has come into a modest inheritance that allows her to take the trip of a lifetime to Egypt. Arriving at the Semiramis Hotel just as the 1921 Cairo Peace Conference begins, Agnes enters into the company of Winston Churchill, T. E. Lawrence, and Lady Gertrude Bell who, in the space of a few days, invent the nations of Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, Israel, and Jordan.

Aug. 15 "Rain of Gold" Victor Villaseñor (FIC/VILLASENOR) *Fiction*: Parallel stories of two families and two countries...bringing us the timeless romance between the volatile

bootlegger who would become his father and the beautiful Lupe, his mother—men and women in whose lives the real and the fantastical exist side by side...and in whose hearts the spirit to survive is fueled by a family's unconditional love.