November FOPAL Volunteer Bulletin

FINANCIALS

October Book Sales (to date)

10/22/12		
Total Book Sales as of	\$23,556.00	
Special	\$6.00	
Downtown	\$77.00	
Volunteers	\$449.00	
Amazon/HV/PBA	\$4,904.00	
Ephemera	\$420.00	
Outside	\$333.00	
Children's Room	\$3,626.00	
Bargain Room	\$2,895.00	
Main Room	\$10,847.00	
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10/23/13

September Totals

September Book Sales	\$34,627.00
Other Income	\$801.00
Total Income	\$35,427.00
Payroll Expenses (pay every other Friday	\$7,311.00
Rental Expenses	\$5,286.00
Other Expense	\$3,076.00
Total Expenses	\$15,673.00
Net Income	\$19,754.00
Grant Payments	\$1,625
Change in total assets	\$18,129.00



-November Sale-11/09 & 11/10

11/08, 12pm- All volunteers are invited to attend Friday pre-sale lunch!!!

Thanks lunch team!!!

11/11, 6-8pm Monday Free Night

11/12, 10am Tuesday after sale meeting.

11/13, 9am Board meeting

-Volunteer opportunities-

Section Managers- Create your own mini book store. Become a section manager Sections needing managers or assistants: Psychology, Self-help, Sex & Gender.

Give Grandma Betsy's Books wings- Learn the fulfillment part of our successful e-commerce (the buying and selling of products or services conducted over electronic systems such as the Internet) enterprise. With our on-line book sale business busier than ever we need volunteers to help filling orders, packing and shipping.

-Welcome new volunteers-

Catherine Farry- Tuesday children room .

Liz Storey- Monday on-line listing.

Josephine Zipkin- Sale day cashier

/assistant section manager.

Dylan Recker- Sale day cashier.

Stella Jaramillo- Sale day cashier

Saying goodbye to Retiring volunteers-

Betty Moore- © Thanks for your 10+ year of service to FOPAL & your community!!!!

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Highlights from October board meeting-

Library Director, Monique le Conge, reported that the staff is operating under the assumption that the Mitchell Park Library will be open by the end of 2013 but the grand Opening celebration probably won't be held until January.

Link+ will be temporarily suspended on November but when Link+ returns in 2014 it will likely include media as well as books.

The board is looking to estimate the number of people who attend our sales. There seem to be fewer dealers but more readers and collectors at the sales. More of our high value books are being sold on our Amazon site so dealers might be less interested in what we are offering.

Janette reported that there has been some moving of sections in the main room. The holiday area has moved to a space outside the sorting room. Signed books went to the individual sections. Philosophy and psychology got more space and new age and reference had a decrease in space. Scotty Zimmerman will make new floor maps.

Verne Rice wrote up "12 book limit scenario" for the book sale newsletter this month to remind customers of the reasons for this policy.

The board will meet after the annual meeting on Wednesday October 30th to send out the annual appeal letters.

The Members Annual Sale will be on December 14th. Life members can enter from 9 to 10am and and other members from 10 to 11am.

FOPAL changes to the board of directors- Annual Meeting

Verna Graham (to be a director and the membership chairman)
Nigel Jones (to be a director)
Karen Neier (to be an officer and the treasurer)

Officers remaining on the board are:

Peter Dehlinger (President)
Nancy Cohen (Vice President)
Charlotte Epstein (Secretary)
Camille Sorrant (Assistant Treasurer)

Directors remaining on the board are:

Tom Clark, Frank McConnell, Gerry Masteller, Gretchen Emmons Ann Justice, Jim Schmidt Martha Schmidt, Steven Staiger Tom Wyman

Current board members leaving the board in January are:

Tisa Walker and Gene O'Sullivan

LOGGING YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please sign in and out when volunteering. The volunteer sign-in binder is located on the pedestal at the entrance to the Sorting Room. You'll need to fill out your own sign-in sheet with name and phone number and file that sheet alphabetically by last name in binder. If you need additional pages, these can be found in the back of the binder. Please record the type of volunteering you participated in i.e. section managing, sales day help, etc.

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What's new in...?

Main Room- Holiday books are here! Look for these in the (3) bays near the sorting room. Sections moving, growing & shirking...Oh my! Reference and New Age both reduced by one bay. Psychology/Self-help & Philosophy sections size increased. Philosophy moved next to the holiday specials section mention above.

Bargain Room- Restricting baby strollers in the BR during the 1st hour of the Saturday sale.
-Revised floor maps displayed on outside H2 windows to help customers find specific sections & revised shelf labeling in children's area, to help sale day volunteers assist customers finding what they're looking for. First Aid- Kit now located in back closet,, look for the sign on outside - "First Aid- Kit"

Children's Room- Look for oodles of great games & puzzles, perfect for gift giving.
-Older / collectable books being offered for sale in "dealers corner & red carts" Or to find what's for sale on-line search-www.amazon.com/shops/grandmabetsybooks

Other News-

See what's happening at FOPAL by "liking" Friends of the Palo Alto Library on Facebook. Then ask all your Facebook friends to like us too. Here are two posts-

<u>Posted on Friends of the Palo Alto Library's</u> <u>timeline-</u>

Safety videos to watch on YouTube.

Lifting boxes check out www.youtube.com/watch?
v=901uQgfiuVk

Fire extinguisher use-

www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Z2C13gJh-g Please review and PASS this info on.

FOPAL green tote bags are still a hit!

Dozens were sold during the sale!!

Suggestions or questions from volunteers-

When and how can I buy a book?

VOLUNTEER BOOK PURCHASE POLICY

One of the benefits of being a regular

FOPAL volunteer is the privilege of
buying a limited number of books
between sales. For a detailed list of
rules & procedures for buying books,
please read the FOPAL Volunteer

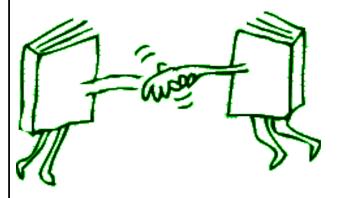
Book Buying Policy. A copy is posted
for reference in several locations in the
Main Book Sale Room.

Or ask Janette for your own copy.

FOPAL PHONE NUMBERS-Main Room - 650-213-8755 Volunteer Office- 650-494-1266

Look for FOPAL high-value books on Amazon.com at competitive prices. Book Sales on line at-

http://www.amazon.com/
shops/grandmabetsybooks



Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.

-Margaret Mead