

FRIENDS OF THE PALO ALTO LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
AUGUST 12, 2020
DRAFT MINUTES

1. Call to Order: Nancy Cohen called the meeting to order via Zoom at 9:30 A.M.
Present: Nancy Cohen, Charlotte Epstein, Melinda Parry, Nicole Ly, Bill Jones, Nigel Jones, Suzanne Little, Gerry Masteller, Karen Neier, Young-Jeh Oh, Steve Staiger, Jim Sutherland, Nancy Tillman.
Absent: Karen DalColletto, Tina Kass.
Guest: Gayathri Kanth.
2. Minutes of the Previous Meeting: **Karen Neier moved to approve the minutes of the meeting of July 8, 2020. Nancy Tillman seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.**
3. Interim Librarian's Report (Gayathri Kanth):
 - Sidewalk services are continuing for holds and returns. There is a four-day quarantine before the items are returned to the shelves.
 - The summer reading program, which had fewer participants this year, has come to an end and the prizes are being distributed at Rinconada and Mitchell Park Libraries.
 - The Library is hosting two programs. Palo Alto Reads is using The Color of Law to discuss equality and diversity issues. Activities include a Zoom program on August 27th with the author and individuals from Stanford University, a co-host. The Library was also chosen to participate in a statewide program called Book To Action. Palo Alto chose the theme of Alzheimer's and dementia and the book Wrinkles.
 - It is unclear when the libraries will reopen to the public.
1. High Value (Nigel Jones):
 - PBA is back in business. We have two books for the September auction and eight books already listed for future auctions. They have just accepted three new items, including an LBJ speech inscribed by Lady Bird Johnson, plus six other books for an Asian book auction, or a total of 17 books awaiting auction dates.
 - Our results for July at Amazon were extraordinary. In June we earned \$6,700 before fees with 139 books sold; in July we earned \$12,375 before fees with 242 books sold.
 - The eBay store reopened on July 10th with 919 items; 122 of them were sold for revenue of \$3,818 before fees. DVDs accounted for \$2,915 before fees and five vintage children's books brought in \$273 before fees.
 - We have one new volunteer for shipping (John Shivey, CDs) but could use more shippers. We also could use a new lister to put unusual books on eBay.
 - Marlene Strauss, a new lister, has made some good suggestions for the shipping manual.
 - Our storage fees at Amazon will probably change in the next month or so. At the moment the Amazon staff is unclear about any changes.
2. Treasurer's Report (Nicole Ly):

- Stanford Credit Union wants a board resolution about the signatories to our bank account there. **Nicole Ly moved that the board approve Nicole Ly, Nancy Cohen, and Susan Light as signatories to the Stanford Credit Union bank account.**