

FRIENDS OF THE PALO ALTO LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING
ZOOM VIRTUAL MEETING
APRIL 14, 2021
MINUTES

1. Call to Order: President Nancy Cohen called the meeting to order at 9:30 A.M.
Present: Nancy Cohen, Nancy Tillman, Melinda Parry, Nicole Ly, Karen DalColletto, Charlotte Epstein, Bill Jones, Nigel Jones, Tina Kass, Suzanne Little, Gerry Masteller, Karen Neier, Young-Jeh Oh, Steve Staiger, Jim Sutherland.
Guest: Gayathri Kanth.
2. Minutes of Previous Meeting: The minutes of the meeting of March 10, 2021 were approved by acclamation.
3. Interim Librarian's Report (Gayathri Kanth):
 - The Children's Library reopened on April 13th with appointments for 45 minutes of browsing time. The children who came the first day were thrilled.
 - Mitchell Park Library will reopen in a few weeks and then Rinconada Library. The staff will then phase out sidewalk services. The remaining branches will not reopen during the current fiscal year.
 - The library has reduced quarantine time from 96 hours to 24 hours.
 - The library staff is still working on budget cuts for next year. The finance committee of the City Council will begin its discussion in May.
 - A number of programs are being planned, including one on earthquake preparedness this month.
4. Treasurer's Report (Nicole Ly):
 - Our total gross revenue for March was \$26,571, including \$12,838 from the Friends and Family sales and \$8,554 from online revenue.
 - Our expenses for the month were \$12,526; our net income was \$14,045.
 - Nicole has repaid one month of our 3-month deferral of rent to the city. We have not yet heard if that deferred rent will be forgiven.
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5. High Value (Nigel Jones):
 - Nigel dropped off a number of items at PBA, including works by Sir Walter Raleigh (estimate of \$500-\$800) and a 1934 program for a production of Midsummer Night's Dream autographed by Mickey Rooney and Olivia de Haviland (estimate of \$500-\$800).
 - Amazon sales brought in \$9,285 (before fees), with fewer high value books sold this month. One volunteer (Amanda) has done some solo shipping runs so we are now down to a 20-box backlog of listed boxes to be sent to Amazon.

- eBay is suffering from a lack of new DVD material. Revenue from DVDs and vintage children's books was \$1,366 (before fees) (down from \$2,481 for February).
 - The Graff donation has brought in \$44,000 to date.
6. Book Sale Committee (Nancy Tillman):
- The special sale of Children's pop-up books, vinyl and CDs on March 27th and 28th brought in \$1,695. Another sale will be held April 24th and 25th.
 - Planning has begun for post-pandemic reopening, with a possible regular (monthly) sale scheduled for August.
 - There is very little enthusiasm for returning to donations as usual in the Main Room. Many sorters don't want to deal with the donations.
 - The Book Sale Committee will be meeting on April 15th to discuss all these issues.
 - Karen DalColletto reported that the COVID-19 rate is about 1% in the county. She would like to see a survey of how many volunteers have already been vaccinated.
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7. President's Report (Nancy Cohen):
- Nancy and Melinda have formed the nominating committee for next year's officers and directors.
 - Nancy is trying to get the old (disabled) golf cart sold.
8. Adjournment: **Steve Staiger moved that the meeting be adjourned at 11:00 A.M. The motion passed by acclamation.**