



Friends of the Ridgecrest Branch Library
Board Meeting Minutes, September 1, 2022

Board members present: Jerry Bradley, Barbara Lupei, Carol Pearson, Peggy Johnson, Dave Burdick and Sandy Bradley **Library Administrator:** not invited **Guests:** none

The meeting was called to order at 3:00pm via Zoom.

Jerry called the meeting to order and reviewed the agenda, which was approved with no additions.

Response to Balsam Street Lease

- It has already been agreed that the space is too small and too expensive for selling items with an average price of \$0.50. The lease does not list our address, nor have we changed any utilities into our names or FRBL. The terms of the lease are not favorable. The landlord has refused in person to consider that the lease is not binding to the FRBL.
- Dave suggested sending the Fosters a registered letter to start a paper trail of our intention to contest the validity of the lease. This was put on HOLD.
- Jerry suggested having a lawyer look at the lease to determine if FRBL has any legal obligation to the lease.
- Sandy moved that we contact a lawyer to determine what our legal response to the lease will be. Funds from the general fund will be used for legal fees. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.
- Jerry said he would text the Fosters that the board met. We are unsure of our obligation to this lease and are contacting a lawyer.
- Jerry and Sandy will meet with Cary Oliver, a local lawyer referred to them.

Identifying New Book Storage Space

- Dave, Sandy, and Jerry toured a space in the center where our current facility is located with Dave Ostash, Pam Smith, and Randy Coit. It is likely rented now, but Dave O. said Brent turned it down. It looked good to Dave B. and Jerry. Dave O. pointed out that Brent once threatened him with legal action and possibly the police and that was the end of their good-will relationship.
- Dave O. confirmed there is not asbestos in the space we are using now.
- A charging station for electric buses is going to be installed in the parking area that will mean construction nearby to the access door to our facility starting approximately November 1, 2022.
- One space suggested to inquire about was the bowling alley. It was damaged in the earthquake, but it wasn't known if it suffered structural damage or if the bowling equipment/lanes were ruined.
- Dave suggested getting rid of the books for now and taking two years off to regroup. There are plenty of funds available to support the library during that time. When the FRBL is better situated they could start collecting books and having sales again. Sandy suggested other methods of fundraising, such as auctions and dinners, we could use during that time that don't involve hauling books.
- Dave volunteered to contact Red Rock Books owners (the Rizzardini's) about a bulk buy of the cream of the crop of our books at a very low price.

Updates to Members

- The new board has been posted to our webpage.
- We need to update members further using email, snail mail, and/or perhaps an interview in the newspaper.

Book Sale:

- MEGA SALE \$5 per bag for members and \$10 per bag for non-members. Bring your own bag or we will provide a bag. Books, audio books, puzzles, toys, CDs, etc.
- Jerry will ask Jil Richards if she would like to manage it.
- All outside in the open area between buildings.
- Publicity
- Labor - suggestions to Jil include boy scouts and Navy.
- Dates - September 30, October 1, October 7, and October 8 from 9am to 3pm
- Volunteers - Peggy signing up volunteers for shifts.

Edward Jones Account:

- Discussion concluded that this account is okay for now, but it is losing money with earnings of only 3% with inflation at nearly 9%. It also does not offer two person integrity for check writing which can be a major problem. We need to look for other options that don't have a high risk but keep up with inflation and offer better security.
- Navy Federal Credit Union is not an option as they only accept individuals with a connection to the Navy.

Meet with Charissa:

- To make sure she is comfortable with the method proposed for reimbursing her expenses covered by the FRBL.
- To make sure she is on good terms with the board and we can move forward together.
- Jerry, and Carol volunteered to meet with Charissa within the next couple of weeks.

Thank You Letters:

- Sandy volunteered to write letters of thanks to Julie and Dane for their service to the board and the library.

Bookkeeping:

- Jerry asked if the board would be comfortable with him asking Nani to help identify the expenditures and deposits made while Brent was acting as Treasurer since he didn't provide any receipts or details. This was agreeable to all.
- Carol reported that on August 30th she deposited \$64.60 from the red shelf sale in the library and \$105.00 in renewal checks to our main AltaOne account.

501c3 Record Keeping and Reporting:

- Barbara volunteered to find a list of reporting requirements for the board.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:34pm. The next scheduled meeting is September 24th at 10am, though another meeting is likely to be added before then. (Peggy will be out of town all next week.)

Respectfully submitted,

Barbara Lupei, Secretary