

Friends of Socorro Public Library  
Annual Meeting  
January 7, 2023

Julie Johnson, president, called the meeting to order at 11:00 am. Attending in person were Penny Lommen, vice-president; Susan Oviatt, treasurer; Kay Krehbiel, secretary, Judy Kurtz, secretary-elect and Chelsea Lyons, library director. Attending remotely was Brian Borchers.

**Approval of the Minutes of the 1/30/2022 meeting:** Penny moved to approve the minutes and Susan seconded the motion which was approved.

**Presidents Report:** Julie reported that the Friends use of the rooms in Zimmerly School has been approved until August, 2023. Eleven book sales brought in record income and weekly book sorting sessions continue as book sales have provided \$5000. Books have been donated to other groups. Two newsletters were sent out.

Julie noted that there are advantages and disadvantages to the Zimmerly location. Disadvantages include no janitorial service and limited control over heating and cooling. Better display and at least 6 volunteers at each monthly sales plus special promotions have brought in an average of \$400 per sale. Advertising is free via posters, the First State Bank sign, the Chieftain, radio, etc. Forty-one boxes of books have been sent to Africa and other books were sent to prisons.

**Library Director's Report:** Chelsea thanked all volunteers who have helped the library. She will work with the city on trash pick-up. She described various programs such as family and adult yoga and free movies at the Loma and noted that some city counselors have been aware of and approved of the book room in Zimmerly.

Catharine Stewart Roach showed a photocopy of the mural (60" by 82") she painted for the yoga room at Finley Gym and which she is proposing to move to the library. Chelsea recommended placing the mural on the second floor and the board thought it a good idea.

Chelsea is planning to create a space for teens on the first floor and has located a muralist who will create one mural for the teen space at a price of \$25 per sq. ft. (estimated \$4 to 5000) and a mural for the

children's room for free. There were several activities proposed which might raise funds to pay for the murals.

**See Treasurer's Report attached.**

**Old Business – none.**

**Election of Officers:** Julie Johnson said that she is willing to run for president again. Penny Lommen made a motion for Julie to continue in office; Brian Borchers seconded the motion which passed. Penny currently vice-president agreed to continue as V-P and Judy Kurtz seconded the motion which passed. Susan Oviatt, currently treasurer, agreed to serve again. Julie made a motion for Susan to remain treasurer, Penny seconded and the motion passed. Judy Kurtz had volunteered to run for secretary. Susan moved that Judy become secretary, Penny seconded and the motion passed. Julie noted that next year three board officers must be replaced.

There was a discussion about recycling books which have been discarded by the library or by the book sale organization on the NM Tech campus. Brian provided name of Steven Hicks who is in charge. Susan, Catharine and Judy will form a committee to check on recycling.

Chelsea reported that there was a suggestion that the Africa book project slow down sending children's books. The program now prefers books for secondary schools. She reported that the Socorro County Historical Society want any old newspapers which might come in among books to be sorted; the society will filter out which issues they want.

Penny made the motion to adjourn and Brian seconded. The meeting was adjourned.