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River Friends Newsletter

VIEW FROM THE STACKS

Terry Gwiazdowski, President

Hello everyone! I am your new president and I will serve in this capacity until the end of April, 2021. I wholeheartedly thank Damien Olsen our Vice-President who stepped up when Bruce Robinson left earlier this year.



We are living in difficult times with so much economic and health issues this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic. But still, the River Friends of the Library has been active in support of Guerneville Regional Library. We are covering the costs of the curbside pickup bags and have included little gifts such as crayons for children and pens for adults in the bags. We sponsored a safe Halloween event which is detailed on page 3.

We continue to research the donated books from earlier this year and send some to our online vendor, Book Forest to sell. We continue the two book carts at Duncans Mills and Cazadero General Stores so both of these things bring in some funds.

We are looking into securing a rural grant to electrify our sorting shed, which we hope to accomplish in the next couple or months.

Sonoma County Library is no longer covering insurance for Friends' volunteers so we are in the process of getting insurance for our organization.

And while all of these efforts will make us a more safe and secure organization, we need your energy to keep it all going.

We thank you most heartily for your past help and present financial support. But now—even more we need your presence, your energy and your enthusiasm. Please see our Call to Action section for more information on how you can help.

THANK YOU!



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BY THE NUMBERS

- Guerneville Library Curbside pickup is Mon-Tue 12-7 pm, Wed-Sat 10 am-5 pm
- As of December 2, 2020 River Friends has a balance of \$44,182.84



CURBSIDE PICKUP

SPOTLIGHT ON: CURBSIDE PICKUP

Curbside pickup at Sonoma County Library is available at all locations. Please check the locations page for open hours and contact information at <https://sonomalibrary.org/locations>.

You can request items through the catalog or phone the library to make a request. You may place up to 50 requests through the online catalog. Once your request has been made, you will receive a text, email, phone or mail notification when your item is ready for pickup. Items will be held for you for 10 days.

Then just visit the library during curbside pickup hours. Call the library and give your first and last names and library card number. Your items will be placed in a paper bag in the curbside pickup area. Please allow staff to leave your items and return to the library before you pick them up. Enjoy!

Returns are accepted Fridays and Saturdays only from 10 am to 5 pm or until the book drop is full.

The next River Friends of the Library Board Meeting is Wednesday, January 13 @ 4:30 p.m. via Zoom. All are welcome to attend.



CALL TO ACTION!

CALL TO ACTION FOR ALL MEMBERS!

In order to keep our organization vibrant and strong, we need committed and determined leadership. At the end of April, the terms for all our officers will end and we will be voting in new officers at our May annual meeting on May 13, 2021 at 4:30 p.m.

We need you, our esteemed members, to step up and serve in one of these leadership roles! These positions are: President, Vice President, Treasurer and Secretary.

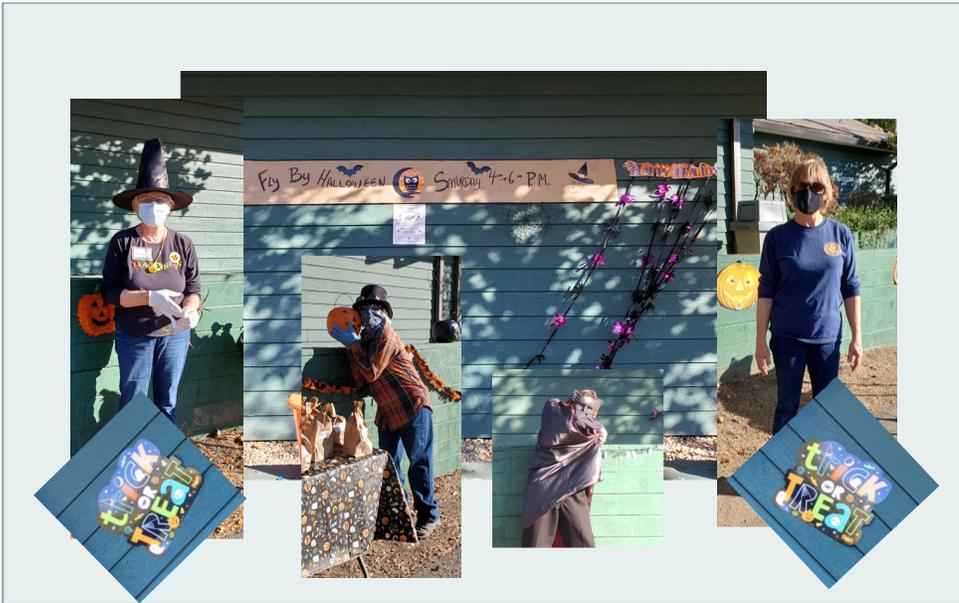
The President is considered the manager of our organization and as such will need to be someone with knowledge of and contacts within our community and employ advocacy efforts on behalf of the River Friends of the Library. The Vice-President will work in conjunction with the President and will if necessary, step in to act as President.

The Treasurer will keep and maintain our financial books and accounts and generate reports as needed or required by law.

The Secretary will keep minutes of all meetings, proceedings and actions of the Board. The Secretary will also notify the membership of meetings at least 72 hours prior.

Please make a commitment to your organization and to your Library community! You are needed more than ever! Thank you!

For more information on the roles of the Board members or to agree to serve, please contact Terry at terry.gwiazdowski80@gmail.com or at 707-632-6127.



HALLOWEEN “FLY BY” EVENT— OCTOBER 31



We had a blast getting ready for our Halloween event. Volunteers put together 250 bags of goodies for our “fly by” event.

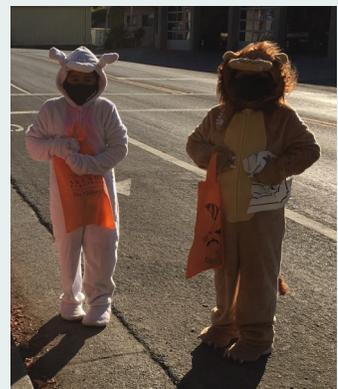
On the day of we gave out about 150 goodie bags to folks who drove through and who walked up. We had bags made especially for children under 3, children between 4-7, children between 8-12 and teens 13-18. Adults and parents were given pens or pencils and buttons.



Some of our 250 goodie bags!



A very fierce Momma T-Rex!



Our first trick or treaters!

OFFICERS AND CHAIRPERSONS

Terry Gwiazdowski,
President
Chair, Newsletter
Co-Chair, Book & Bake Sale

Damien Olsen, Vice President
Chair, Readers Theater

Mark Janes, Treasurer

Elisa Baker, Secretary

Ursula Niblett
Book & Bake Sale Co-Chair

Gina Dallara
Chair, Membership

Marcy Cooper
Chair, Publicity

Vacant
Young Writers Contest

Vacant
Art Committee Chair

Angie Orr, President Emeritus

RIVER FRIENDS BOARD REPORTS

Treasurer's Report

Report for the period May 1 – December 2, 2020: Our biggest source of income has been from Book Forest, our online vendor, for \$1,421.15. Member dues brought in \$615.00 and our Book Carts yielded \$458.04.

Our biggest expense was \$2,000.00 to PG&E to begin the process of electrifying our shed at the County Yard. Our website hosting and service fees was our next-largest expense at \$1,5491.53, which will run for three years at a lower-cost overall. Our support of the LGBT Pride Book Club was a carry-over from last FY and amounted to \$939.10. Our current balance is \$44,182.84.

Membership Report

108 members renewed in 2020. We also have 43 lifetime members. There was a recent mailing to 49 members who have not yet renewed. We show 205 total members in our database with some possibly invalid addresses.

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