



**FRIENDS OF THE RIPON MEMORIAL LIBRARY
BOARD OF DIRECTORS ANNUAL MEETING
MINUTES**

**Monday, January 24, 2022 – 5:00 pm
Ripon Memorial Library**

President Harrison Gibbs called to order the board meeting at 5:05 pm.

Present: Harrison Gibbs, Kathy Gladden, Angie Beckler, Melinda Kopp, Gary & Margaret Sivley and Joan Graham

Guest: Debra Furtado

Not Present: Ted Johnston, Linda Streeter and Dottie DaRonco

Approval of January 24, 2021 Annual Meeting

The annual meeting report was read by Gary Sivley. Angie made a motion to accept the meeting report. Margaret seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection by the Board.

Approval of January 24, 2022 Agenda

A motion was made by Kathy to accept the agenda. Margaret seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection by the Board.

Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 7, 2021

A motion was made by Margaret to accept the meeting minutes. Kathy seconded the motion. The motion passed without objection by the Board.

Reading of Correspondence:

1. There were 6 Ripon Library Official Board Ballots received to accept the 2022 Friends of the Library Board. President: Harrison Gibbs, Vice-President: Ted Johnston, Treasure: Kathy Gladden and Secretary: Joan Graham.
2. Gary distributed "Friends of the Ripon Memorial Library Officers for the Calendar Year of 2022".

Treasurer's Report – Kathy Gladden

The balance for checking and savings is \$38,204.36.

A motion was made by Margaret to accept the Treasurer's Report. Angie seconded the motion. The motion was passed without objection by the Board.

Authorization to pay Bills:

\$1,000. Was authorized to the City of Stockton/Summer Reading Program and \$228. for the Library Association for Melinda Kopp.

President's Report – Harrison Gibbs

Electrical work by the city should be starting soon.

A plaque was made to show those who contributed to the library carpet.

We should be getting a grant from Spring Creek Golf & Country Club.

Article in "Discover Ripon".

Membership – Gary and Margaret Sivley

Gary reported \$20,166.88 in donations.

Margaret reported \$1,4009.20 in book sales.

Librarian's Report – Melinda Kopp

The report is attached to the minutes.

Old Business

No report

New Business

Election of new Board members and 3 members at large. Kathy made a motion to accept the board members through election and the 3 members at large. Joan seconded the motion. The motion was passed without objection by the Board.

Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:45 pm.

The next ANNUAL meeting will be January 23, 2023

The next regular meeting will be March 08, 2022 at the Ripon Memorial Library.

Submitted by Joan Graham, Secretary

Presented at Friends of the Library Annual Meeting January 24, 2022

Librarian's Annual Meeting Report/Review of past year 2021

Greeting my socially distanced friends,

It's an encouraging sign of some continuity to have an Annual Meeting here at the library.

One of the most positive indicators that "life goes on" is the constant support that the Ripon Friends of the Library have provided for the past 2 years of "uncertainty". Another unparalleled source of care, concern and guidance is the library management team (which includes our County

Librarian and Community Services director). Never during this time of uncertainty have I felt alone or unheard.

Through all of the changes in public service hours and service delivery, rules and regulations to keep everyone safe, changes in how we are able to do any sort of programming: the reasons are clear, we know what to say to the customers and we know we are backed up by policy.

There is constant activity in libraries, in our branch library, even when it appears that things have ground to a halt. We have been busy formulating ways to keep the public engaged and aware of our resources.

Some highlights of 2021:

County money for "refresh" project in our branch will purchase new comfortable chairs for relaxed reading area, at front of building.

Library Assistant Malia Leuck produced 2 special virtual programs in addition to her work on All About Baby.

Browsing hours were added to the schedule on March 22nd.

Schedule has been set for the installation of new carpet. Completed earlier than anticipated. The public is so pleased and appreciative that our library is maintained and a source of pride!

April 19th allowed to have 50% capacity of customers back in the building.

Melinda records poetry presentation to be deployed virtually at the schools.

Alicia Reynolds retires after 30+ years of service.

Summer Reading is drawing lots of families back. 1500 books read by Ripon customers in June

New Circulation Assistant, Jamie Eichele started on August 9th

Shopping for new Teen Area furniture that will be funded by the City of Ripon.

Hours at the branch are restored to pre-Covid levels. Very exciting.

Melinda staffed a booth at National Night Out. It was frantically busy!!

Melinda started her back-to-school class visits which all take place in the classrooms as the children can not come “en mass” to the library.

The Virtual Programming Team that provides children’s programs won an ABC (Action on Behalf of Children) award. The category we won in is “Supporting Children Through Covid-19”. Malia and Melinda are part of the team.

Public Works retrofitted our outside lights with LED fixtures. Better lighting and less maintenance needed.

Lots of fun crafts and decorating for Halloween. Friends helped the library participate in the city-wide trick or treat.

Melinda provided a second wave of class visits in the classrooms.

Malia completed a new design for the SJ CPL children’s library card.

Melinda proudly took Senator Susan Eggmans’ staff on a tour of the branch.

“Make a Difference Day” introduced (and will continue monthly) with a gratitude bookmark program. The idea of this event is to connect the library to the community.

The library was festively adorned with twinkle lights and holiday decorations as the year closed out.

Community Services Director Suzy Daveluy retires on December 30th.

As I start my 40th year of Librarianship I look forward to each day at the Ripon Memorial Library. I can’t imagine a more fulfilling job than serving this special community.