



President: Margaret Sivley  
Vice President: Ted Johnston  
Secretary: Kim Welch  
Treasurer: Kathy Gladden

# Board of Directors Annual Meeting Minutes

January 22, 2024 @ 5:00 pm at the Ripon Library Community Rm

**Present:** Amanda Luna- Stockton Library Manager, Amanda Clifford-Ripon Librarian, Angie Beckler, Margaret Sivley, Gary Sivley, Ted Johnston, Kathy Gladden and Kim Welch

- 1. MEETING CALLED TO ORDER** - by Margaret at 5:00 pm- Motion approved 1st by Kathy and 2nd by Angie - All agreed
  - Approval of January 22, 2024 Annual Meeting Agenda - Motion approved 1st by Kathy, 2nd by Angie. All agreed
  - Approval of Meeting Minutes of December 5, 2023- Motion approved 1st by Ted, 2nd by Angie - All agreed
  - Reading of Correspondence - Donation received from the Harris Family Foundation
- 2. TREASURER'S REPORT**
  - Approval of Treasurer's Report. The Friends of the Ripon Library remain fiscally strong. Kathy states the CD earned \$153.41 in Dec 2023 and over \$1,000 total in 2023
  - Authorization to pay bills. - Outstanding bill for \$132.00 for postage stamps necessary for the mailing of the Library Member meeting notices and ballots. Kathy will issue the reimbursement check to Gary S.
- 3. PRESIDENT'S REPORT** - Margaret states it has been a good year. We celebrated Melinda Kopp's retirement in July 1st with recognition by City Council at the June 13th Council Meeting, followed by a town celebration on July 5th. Amanda Clifford, our new Librarian transitioned smoothly in July. Main Street days in October was our most successful book sale to date.

**4. COMMITTEE REPORT** - Gary states our Committee has 45 Contributing Members.

**5. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT** - Please see Amanda Clifford's report 1/22/2024

- **Ripon poet laureate** - Grant agreement for \$15,000.00 over the next 3 years per the Manteca Bulletin 1/9/24 - Amanda will research the details of this program further.
- **Teen Reading Program**- Amanda shared the teen reading program has continued to grow from an average of 10 to an average of 30 teens. Additional Starbucks(\$5) and Emporium (\$10) gift cards were approved by the Committee for purchase (10 of each card).

**6. OLD BUSINESS** - Ted states the removal of the library office wall is still pending - This is a Ripon City funded project.

**7. New Business** -

- Kathy requested clarification of the By-Laws Article VI regarding the board member terms. Gary explained the by-law. No further questions
- **Election of new Board Members.** - 45 Ballots were mailed out. Gary states he received 6 ballots back with no opposition to the Current Board Members.
- Carrie Sweet with the Greet Ripon Magazine is interested in joining with the Friends of the Library again this year to issue a high school scholarship essay contest. Margaret will invite Carrie to join us at our next committee meeting to further discuss the details.
- Committee Members are interested in a Library Members Social. This subject to be discussed in further detail at the next meeting.

**8. ADJOURNMENT** - Margaret Adjourned the meeting at 5:45 pm

- **Next Annual Meeting: January 27, 2025**
- **Next Monthly Meeting: March 4, 2024**