The meeting was called to order by President Fred Levy at 10:05 a.m.

Present: Victoria Campbell, Susan Curzon, Joyclyn Dunham, Lois Feldman, June Frankenberg, Penny Friedman, Bernice Haber, Marcia Henry, Richard Homer, Fred Levy, Ray McHugh, Albert Ross, Maurice Rotheiser, Joe Russo, Rita Streimer, Cindy Ventuleth, Miriam Rain.

The Sept.22, 2006 minutes were accepted with the following corrections: Announcements- Ethel Bliven 'has retired' from the board.

Friendship store- ‘Some’ red-dotted books will be free, not 'all'.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

   a) Volunteer Service Awards luncheon takes place on Nov.17 @ 11:30 in the Kinesiology building. Invitations are being sent. Please RSVP. This year our own June Frankenberg is being honored. FOL board meeting will be held at the usual time (10:00 a.m.), but will be concluded at 11:00 a.m. to allow time to get to the luncheon. Susan Curzon regrets that she may not be able to attend because she maybe on jury duty at that time.

   b) FOL holiday luncheon will be held on Dec.15, 2006 @ 11:00 a.m. There will be no meeting on that day.

   Anne Kogen is at home and improving nicely. She appreciates all the calls she received and the caring expressed. Fred Levy offered to pick her up for the luncheons and the next few meetings.

DEVELOPMENT UPDATE:

   Cindy Ventuleth reported that the University Women's Club is winding down its activities and has offered us its many photos and other materials from the time the campus was first started. The members thought that since the library is the keeper of the archives it would be the natural recipient. The members of the UWC want to leave a legacy for the library by naming a study room for them, located on the second floor, with a gift of $10,000. They have also been sponsoring 4 scholarships of $1500 each - 1 for the spring semester and 3 for the fall. Each scholarship will pay tuition in full and will also provide for some extras. They are designating these scholarships exclusively for student employees of the library. The next application can be made for the coming spring semester and they intend to gift an international student. This scholarship will be named the "Mary Cleary" scholarship after one of their presidents; the fall scholarships will be named the "Lois Prater" scholarship after the first president.

OLD BUSINESS:

Examination of the By-laws as reviewed by Ray McHugh and Al Ross:

   Issues concerning the library relationship to the Foundation, meetings, officer positions, length of officers' service, their duties, and some financial matters were discussed. A full revised version of the by-laws, including changes, deletions and additions will be presented to the board at the Nov. 17 meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMITTEE REPORTS:
A) Programs - Various possibilities were suggested: Dates for a trip to the Getty Villa in Malibu will be explored. Debra Bass, our June speaker has promised to arrange a JPL tour; June will call to check with her. An afternoon event similar to the Mars talk is being considered. Maurice Rotheiser spoke to Dennis McCarthy, who agreed to be a speaker. Since he is so well-known in the valley, we can expect a huge turnout. That means that arrangements have to be made for a large room. Cindy promised to see what she could do at the University Club. That venue would be preferable to the library itself because parking does not present a problem. It was also suggested that an afternoon tea, rather than a luncheon, might work well. Further discussion will ensue. Other names that came up were Steve Lopez and Al Martinez of the L.A. Times, Ray Bradbury of sci-fi fame, Prof. Chianese who teaches in CSUN English department; also, Caroline See and Denise Hamilton as a team generated interest. A speaker from Caltech about earthquakes is also a possibility. Several members of the board recalled a "bat" show and a program about Alaska given by Bob Gohstand that were successful.

B) Friends' store- Vicky brought attention to an article in the Daily Sundial praising the bookstore for the variety, quality and prices of all books, including texts and other literary works. Students, as well as professors, visit the store and benefit from its stock. Debbie (in absentia) suggested, and Fred agrees that a meeting of the book store volunteers should be held to apprise them of pricing guidelines to avoid such oddities as e.g. a 79 cent book. Debbie and Joe will provide a pricing sheet, making revisions as they see necessary. Getting all the volunteers together at the same time may be challenging, but it is hoped that a meeting can be set in December just before the FOL luncheon. The Internet is a useful resource for determining the price of more expensive books (anything over $50). Joe said that Gary Kent has been invaluable in recognizing valuable books. Re books "on hold" - they should be dated as to the beginning of the hold and held only for a limited, specified time. Lois devised a map showing the placement of books according to subject matter. (Please see h/o). Coffee maker should be cleaned and unplugged after each shift. Rita Streimer thought providing hot water and instant coffee and tea bags was a good alternative.

C) Legislative - no report.

D) Gift books - Joe thanked the volunteers who helped at the 9/26 book sale. There was lots of action resulting in sales amounting to $804. The 20 per $1 books did not do as well as expected. The next book sale is scheduled for Nov.14. Two book dealers that Joe called personally came in and spent $97. Fred noted that on the same day he took in about $50 in the book store. Joe would like to resume selling books in the lobby. However, as Susan Curzon pointed out, cash handling is a problem. There is only one place where payment can be made is at the "cash handling window", which is behind the check-out counter, at a short distance from where the books are displayed; something seems to get lost between here and there. Rita Streimer suggested a strategy that might work: Select a book, get a voucher from the information desk, leave the book there while paying for it at the cash handling window, take the receipt back and claim the book. Vicki reported that since July 7, 195 books have been donated of which 795 were added to the collection. Dean Curzon commented that the librarians typically select 10 - 12% of the books donated for the permanent collection. Since these books are usually valued at about $60, they are a worthwhile addition to the library, even considering the $20 cost of processing and placement.

E) Volunteer report- There are 3 possible candidates, but no concrete results. One woman became a member and requested a library card, which she will receive as soon as her application and check are cleared.
F) Hospitality - 1) Lois reported that the prints exhibit was a success.
    2) She delivered more bottled water to the bookstore.

G) Newsletter - Jim Dole is collecting material for the next issue. It should be ready in a month.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:35 a.m.
Next meeting will be held on Nov.17 @ 10:00 a.m.