Friends of the Library (FOL)
Minutes, May 23, 2014
Oviatt Library
Administrative Conference Room

Meeting called to order by Rita at 10:04 am.

Present: Dean Mark Stover, Iris Caplan, Joyclyn Dunham, Lois Feldman, Bill Gaines, Bernice Haber, Jim Parker, Rita Striemer, and Hazel Wittenberg.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

• Dean Stover noted:
  o People are being asked to RSVP for the bookstore closing luncheon on Friday, May 30th. He asked if board members will speak at the luncheon about their experiences at the bookstore.
  o The Freudian Slip coffee shop in Oviatt has agreed to give book sales volunteers some "drip coffee" (nothing special like capachinos, etc., just regular coffee). We will retain a table in the Freudian Slip area during book sales.
  o He asked: Do we want to talk about a June meeting? Some years we have them, some times not. Wait 'til end of the meeting to decide if we have unfinished business. [At that time it was decided that there would be no June meeting.]

• Vickie noted:
  o Boxes of archival material regarding FOL are up on the third floor...she has them. Rita and Hazel need to organize the collection and add some materials to it.

OLD BUSINESS:

• The minutes of April 11, 2014 were approved with the change: "Kevin Roderick, who has written The San Fernando Valley: America's Suburb (but has not yet published it), has already applied for the Award for Excellence."

• As to the Award for Excellence, the next steps are to select judges and to start publicity for the award. The judges will be reading submissions, and selecting a winner. Judges will also develop a rubric for judging the awards. The award luncheon will be in Spring 2015. Options for faculty member judges will be given by Mark in September; Bob Gohstand offered to be a judge. (Sigrid or Jim Dole might want to be judges...they are not present...so Mark will talk to them). A question that was discussed and not settled was: 'What is publishing?' (Only books? Web publishing? etc.). There are a lot of details yet to be worked out. Mark will help resolve some of the unanswered questions at the September meeting.
• Treasurer's Report and future finances of the FOL: There was no formal report as there currently is no FOL treasurer. In the interim, Joyclyn reconciled the books and found some out of place, small entries....she will come back with the projected budget after receiving the corrected information and final fiscal year numbers from the Foundation. With the projected budget this coming year we will no longer have bookstore sales. As a result, we will need to take a hard look at where money will come from. Bob Gohstand suggested we will need to look for new sources of income. FOL sponsors a lot of events, and, will there be money for these events, expenditures in the future? (Will there be money for events, scholarship, mailings, etc.) CSUN has hired a new Director of Development for the Library. The position is being split between the Library and Information Technology. Luann Rocha, the new Director, has a lot of experience raising money, writing grants, working with the community. She will come to the September meeting, and perhaps succeeding meetings. Her office will be in the Library.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

A. **Program Committee**: Bernice asked if there were any ideas for next year. Bob noted there will be a lecturer for the opening of the Gohstand Reading Room, a gala event to be held in September. The expansion of Special Collections is taking a lot of effort. There will be no Fall program this coming Fall (except the Gohstand gala).

B. **Friends Store**: **Program Committee**: Vickie said that everything was out of the bookstore.

C. **Volunteer Committee**: Vickie noted that the next book sale will probably be in October or November, not too close to the beginning of the school year... Books for the book sale don't need to be itemized into a list. Books for the library holdings are still being donated; please send to Vickie your lists of books marked for donation, their authors and dates of publication. Donated books go through Vickie and Gary, who looks up online books that seem to be valuable, lists of books that might be useful to the library are run past subject experts in the library.

D. **Hospitality**: No longer needed for bookstore, but still needed for programs and for book sales.

E. **Newsletter**: Several recent events still need to be written up for future newsletters.

NEW BUSINESS:

A. Mark announced that the returns for 2014-15 FOL officers had been counted. There were 25 ballots returned and the results are:
a. President: Bob Gohstand  
b. Vice President: Hazel Wittenberg  
c. Treasurer: Bernice Haber  
d. Secretary: Jim Parker  

B. Bob thanked the present President, Rita, for her good work.  
C. It was announced that there will be no June meeting.  

The meeting ended at 10:45 am.