

Friends of the Oviatt Library (FOL)  
Minutes, Sept. 13, 2019  
Admin. Conference Room

The meeting was called to order by Bob Gohstand at 10:05 a.m.

Present: Dean Mark Stover, Vickie Campbell, Iris Caplan, Joyclyn Dunham, Dorothy Fabricant, Bob Gohstand, Bernice Haber, Sigrid Hafner, Jamie Johnson, Marcy Rothman, Rita Streimer, Hazel Wittenberg, and guest Annette Besnilian.

The minutes of the May meeting were unanimously approved as written.

**Announcements:**

Marcy Rothman was welcomed as the new Vice President/President Elect. Mark mentioned he checked with the CSUN Foundation's Chief Financial Officer about whether or not Marcy Rothman would be ineligible to join the FOL Board due to a conflict of interest concern. The Chief Financial Officer of the CSUN Foundation looked into the matter and determined that there was no conflict of interest concerning Marcy Rothman. However, he also said that if the Friends Board votes on purchasing databases or books from the company Marcy works for, then she would need to recuse herself.

Welcome Jamie Johnson as the new Library Faculty Representative. Jamie Johnson is a Librarian at CSUN for 6 years, a former CSUN student, and a Valley Girl.

Welcome guest Annette Besnilian who is a FOL member and looking to possibly joining the Board. She is the director of the Dietitian Internships and trains dietitians for the community. The Marilyn Magaram sells honey, orange marmalade and matador seasoning which can be ordered online. The Magaram Center worked with WISE on Pi Day. Vickie will provide links to the site that sells various food products the Magaram Center sells. The Friends will tour the Magaram Center at our November meeting.

WISE will hold an event on September 25 called "Women on a Mission," which includes a presentation by a CSUN professor won a grant to study female STEM CSUN graduates and their job placement upon graduating. The event will also include mentoring of students by industry professionals.

The opening reception for the Library Exhibit will be Oct. 16<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm. Lorraine Lundquist is the speaker for the program portion.

The San Fernando Valley Fiction Award reception, Friday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>, went very well.

The 2019 Fall meeting dates were approved. Oct. 25<sup>th</sup>, Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>, and the Holiday Volunteer Party will either be Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> or Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> is the preferred date.

**New Business**

The Budget report was not available so it was tabled for the next Board meeting. The Book Cart has been successful in raising funds for the Friends. The estimated balance of the Friends of the Library fund is estimated to have a low balance.

The 2020 San Fernando Valley Nonfiction Award has been postponed due to the Friends of the Library fund having a low balance. There was a general consensus to put this award temporarily asleep.

\$2200 was approved to help sponsor the Library Exhibit Reception. Any donation would be appreciated from the Board members to help increase the amount in the fund.

Rita Streimer announced her donation of her quilt “Pick Up Sticks” to the Library to mount somewhere in the library. She would like to have it displayed in the Library.

### **Closing Remarks**

The next FOL meeting will be on Friday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. in the 3rd floor Admin. Conference Room in Oviatt Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 11:09 a.m.