

Friends of Oakley Library

December 10, 2025

Call to order: 6:36 pm

In Attendance: Lorena Campos, Lisa Cano-Loomis, Arnold Fitzpatrick Jr., Joy Kick, Alan Kemp, Vannessa Cendejas, Nancy Huffaker

Minutes: Approved with correction 1st: Alan, Second Joy.

Librarian report: Lisa

- Children with library cards have increased. All second grades and a few third grades have been visited.
Alan asked if visits can be at other locations other than public schools, Focus has been on public schools but a few places like Bethel Island have received services.
- Howl La La Boo was highly attended -over 100. It was a lot of fun -Only positive comments have been received.
- Dec. 31 from 11 am-12:45 pm the library will host a Noon Year's program
- Baker and Taylor a wholesale supplier of books to libraries has announced it will be closing. Libraries will need to find other resources.
- See attached librarian's report

President's report: Lorena

- Thanked everyone for their volunteer hours.
- Said she would like to have a planning retreat in the new year. Last year we added people to the board and focused on book sales.

Vice President: Alan

- Set goals this past year to do something every month. We met the goals that were set.
- Believes we should have another book sale in the new year.
- We can now concentrate on programming.
- The good will we engendered this year will carry over into 2026.

Fund Raising:

Beer Aisle wants us to be their non-profit group for Friday Nights. We will need to go through a licensing-50.00 per event (they will pay it). We will meet with them at the first of the year. Update will be following....

Treasurer's Report:

Storage: We need a place to store our books and other items. 29 +14 per month, Alan 1st- Lorena 2nd-motion carried.

- Gala income-still waiting for Rotary. Alan believes it will be around 9,000.
- Do we want to do a gala every year or every other year?
- Lisa said that the library foundation of East Contra Costa County has been helping out library our for programming.
- Liz not in attendance but she said we rolled over our 7 month CD for another 7 months. She also said our taxes were rolled over.

Membership: Vanessa

- 15-20 members' membership had lapsed so she has sent an email to them.
- The attendees made bookmarks at Howl La La Boo, If we want to do the same next year we will need more supplies.
- No new people have shown an interest in joining.
- Should we think about incentives for being a member...a pin? Patch? Should we hold a contest to design them?
- Should we hold a membership event at the Beer Aisle?

Book Sale: Joy

- Storage for books will be at StoreLocal on Main Street. See Joy for codes.
- Book support has been very helpful.
- She suggested we do another book sale when Friday Nite Bites opens again.

Newsletter:

Lisa stated that she wants to clarify in the next newsletter that the libraries are county run. The city owns the facilities but they are not run by the city.

Next newsletter goes out in January with submissions due December 13.

Retreat 2026-Lorena will work on space availability and get back to us.

Adjourned: 7:46

Respectfully submitted: Nancy Huffaker Secretary