

**FRIENDS OF THE MODESTO LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
Special Funding Requests Meeting**

MARCH 16, 2010

MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Modesto Library.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present included Stella Beratlis, Anne Britton, Joan Patterson, Jonaca Driscoll, and Barbara Quinn as well as the manager for the Modesto library, Charles Teval. Ellen Dambrosio was absent.

MINUTES

The March 3rd minutes were approved as corrected.

BUDGET & FUNDING REQUESTS

Stella distributed a proposed budget for 2010/2011. Suggested changes were made and issues raised and discussed.

ACTION TAKEN: It was agreed to bring the budget to the meeting in June for final adoption.

Charles Teval reiterated the serious impact the economic downturn has on library revenue and the resulting need for greater support from Friends. The request delivered at the March 3rd meeting was reviewed and discussed. A brief summary of the Modesto Library's funding requests for 2010/2011 follows:

1. Funding for books and other library material to be divided at \$3,700 for Adult and \$2,300 for Children to total: **\$6,000.00.**
2. Adult Programming: up to **\$400.00**

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Anne Britton and seconded by Barbara Quinn to fully fund the requests with the understanding that the money would be spent as needed, the request was approved unanimously.

PETI TAYLOR ACCOUNTS

In this period of low interest rates, Peti Taylor Funds no longer generate sufficient money to fully fund an annual program to honor the memory of longtime library supporter Peti Taylor. At the request of the Board, Charles delivered staff suggestions in the event the Board decides to extinguish the accounts. Suggestions included purchase of additional café tables for the Teen area, or purchase of additional "floor rockers" for the Teen area of the library. Several Board members supported the idea of using some of the funds to host one final program to honor Ms. Taylor.

ACTION TAKEN: This item will be placed on the June meeting agenda for final determination on the use of the funds. Joan Patterson will, where possible, contact original donors to the Peti Taylor Fund and her family to inform them of plans for possible extinguishing of the accounts.

YES FOR LIBRARIES 2012 CAMPAIGN

The campaign to renew the tax levy that provides about 85% of the library budget has opened their account and is soliciting funds. The legal limitations for 501 (c) 3 organizations – like FOML – were outlined. No more than 20% of organization budget can be legally donated. Current year budget and assets of FOML were reviewed, including dropping – at the library's suggestion – the purchase of a Display Unit for new Books on CD budgeted at \$625 from this year's budget.

ACTION TAKEN: After discussion a \$1,200 donation to the campaign fund was unanimously approved on a motion by Jonaca Driscoll, seconded by Barbara Quinn.

NEWSLETTER

The positive feedback on the newsletter was mentioned. Gene Malone is now producing the issues from copy sent to him. Anne suggested that publishing an issue before the upcoming books sales will increase sales, even if the resulting issue is a small one.

ACTION TAKEN: Stella will email a deadline date. Submissions are welcome and can be sent to Stella.

NEXT MEETING: 2 June 2010

Agenda Items will include

- **Adoption of 2010/2011 Budget**
- **Peti Taylor Funds**
- **Book Sale Reports**
[Used Books Sale May 1st, Scholastic Discount Sale 12-15 May]
- **Little Shop Update**
- **Campaign Update**
- **Insurance Needs?**

Meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

Dated: 16 June 2010.

Respectfully submitted,

Anne Britton, Secretary