

**Friends of the Modesto Library
Annual General Membership Meeting – Minutes
2 March 2011**

Wine tasting provided by *Bear Flag* wine maker Beth Cutler preceded the meeting at *Concetta* in downtown Modesto. After a “Friendly” social hour with the 31 members in attendance, the meeting was called to order by Stella Beratlis at 7:30 p.m.

Directors Present: Stella Beratlis, Joan Patterson, Jonaca Driscoll, Anne Britton, Barbara Quinn, and Ellen Dambrosio

Minutes of the December 2, 2010, meeting were approved as presented.

Election

With no additional nominations beyond the slate of candidates presented by the nominating committee and on a motion of unanimous approval from Joan Patterson and seconded by Ellen Dambrosio, the following officers and directors were elected for a term of one year:

President	Anne Britton
Vice President	Katherine Johnson
Secretary	Susan Hannah
Treasurer	Jonaca Driscoll
Membership Director	Ellen Dambrosio
Activities Director	Barbara Quinn
Director at Large	Judy Pierce

Treasurer’s Report:

Treasurer Jonaca Driscoll reported recent expenditures and income, with total assets of \$10,302.58 as of November 30, 2010. Recent “windfall” income from Vintage Faire fountain coins, and from Raley’s and Save Mart grocery card plans have added significantly to revenues this year. Both of these enterprises were launched through contacts made by Ellen Dambrosio.

Membership

Ellen Dambrosio reported that current memberships total 73, which is about 100 people considering family memberships. Her goal this year is 100 memberships.

President’s Report

Outgoing President Stella Beratlis presented an overview of the last year’s activities, collaborations and accomplishments. Many members not on the board of directors have made significant contributions this past year to the success of the organization and were acknowledged with many thanks for their efforts:

Clare Noonan (used book sale, The Little Shop, newsletter)

Gene Malone (newsletter)

Tim Moran (new general manager of The Little Shop)
Susan Windemuth (The Little Shop)
Jeannie Miller (The Little Shop)
Peggy Gardiner (The Little Shop inaugural general manager)
Anne Holden (The Little Shop)
Ellen Meyer (The Little Shop)
Suzanne Staud (The Little Shop design and décor)
Susan Novak (The Little Shop)

Upcoming Events

A Scholastic 50% Off Sale of new books for children will be hosted by the Friends of the Modesto Library in the auditorium May 5-10, 2011. Volunteers who work at the sale will earn books that can be donated to the library. Anne Britton can answer any questions.

Clare Noonan will run the Second Annual Used Book Sale on Saturday, May 7, 2011 on the library portico. Hardback books will cost \$1.00 and paperbacks will be fifty cents. Donated books in good condition (no textbooks, please) are still being collected by Clare. She is looking for volunteers to help with the sale and especially people willing to lend trucks to help move the books.

Adjournment & Thanks

With no additional business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20 p.m. Incoming President Anne Britton rose to thank the two officers going off the board of directors, Joan Patterson and Stella Beratlis. Each was presented with a small token of appreciation for their dedicated service.

Joan Patterson's steadfast support dates across three decades since her involvement began in 1991 and included management of the Peti Taylor Memorial Fund and the Friends' finances as Treasurer for many years and as Vice President the last three years.

Stella Beratlis' contributions have also been enormous and include establishing our first web presence and acting as webmaster, a role she will continue to fulfill. She added regularity and style to our newsletter and decreased its costs by convincing a local printing company, Dittos, to print copies at no cost. She not only helped with the physical setup of The Little Shop, but also stepped in as interim General Manager when that position became vacant in 2010 and kept the doors open through reorganization. She established collaborations with local non-profit, educational and literary organizations for mutual benefit. She set high standards and expectations and leaves big shoes to fill.

The next regularly scheduled meeting date is Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at 6:30 p.m. at the Modesto Library.

Respectfully submitted 31 March 2011 by Anne Britton, Secretary.