

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
July 1, 2020 via Zoom

Board Members Present: Carmen Ingols, Jackie Oyer, Diane Gray, Karon Johnson, Pat Portwood, Jane Cluff, Mary Ward, Sandie Sing, Greg Rogers, Terri Shaver, Pat Williams and Brooks Judd. Absent: Sabra Stafford

Friends Present: Bryan Sontag, Diane Bartlett, Phyllis Frasier, Hanna and Dieter Renning.

Call to Order: Pat called the meeting to order at 6:32

Pat complimented Brooks on his letter to the editors of both the Modesto Bee and The Turlock Journal about the FOTPL.

Minutes: June minutes approved.

Treasurer's Report:

Income: \$460.79

Expenses: \$265.00

Checking \$26,062.55

Total regular funds including 2 time deposits: \$40,413.32

Building fund: M/M \$78,400.79

Total Building fund including 3 CD'S: \$175,860.93

Grand Total including regular funds and building funds: \$216,279.25

Librarian's Report:

Diane has started working at the branches, particularly in Denair.
(Circulation statistics since closing show that Denair is coming in third

after Modesto and Salida.) She has realized that many people don't know that they can call a library, return books and pick up holds during open hours with social distancing, but that customers who have been accessing library services have said that being able to get library books is a lifesaver during the pandemic. Returned books are quarantined for 72 hours for virus safety. Bryan guesses that the Senior Center won't be opened any time soon for library access due to the pandemic.

Diane gave a shout out to the Turlock Mystery Book Club whose members are meeting virtually. She added that the Library is hosting a reading club with prizes, and adults can do a book review on the library website and be in a drawing for a \$25 gift card.

Old Business:

1.Board Votes on New Library Funding: The interactive wall was undecided. This was communicated to the County and we can delay our decision. Jackie volunteered to research interactive white boards and smart boards and will report back at the August or September meeting. Sandie said that it's important to think about sustainability.

2.Update from Fundraising committee: Pat reported that the committee has been meeting. They are working on creating a promotional packet. Members have created lists of people to approach for donations with naming rights, etc.... The Ferrari's name will be on the Children's Room. Ken Bethel's name will be on the courtyard and the Ahlem's will be on the Teen Room. There will be an article in the August issue of 209 about the CSU Stanislaus Library and the public library remodels.

3.Building progress: Bryan reported the project is moving along. The existing library has been taken down to the studs, and right now they are working on grading, running conduit, piping and preparing to pour the

foundation in the expansion area within the next two weeks and then the framing. The county will be adding information about the Turlock Library's progress on the website within the next couple of weeks.

New Business:

1.Membership: Diane Gray created a letter to appeal to members to reup their membership. Diane explained that Hanna suggested we send the letter to our most recent members and include a return envelope. Greg pointed out that we need to explore alternative forms of payment, other than cash and check. Pat agreed that we should cultivate alternative forms of payment. Phyllis said we have another newsletter coming out in November and could speak to those who have not responded to the first letter. Mary said her church has had a lot of success asking for additional donations at the time of membership renewal. Hanna suggested that Diane have a helper, and Terri volunteered. Pat suggested a \$300 limit for the costs of the mailing and the board approved.

2.Josh Harder's office contacted Pat about FOTPL participating in a Congressional Book Drive and Summer Reading Challenge, and the group agreed not to participate.

3.People are wondering where to donate books since we are not having a book sale this year, and Pat asked Terri to create a list of places where people can donate books. Jackie suggested we ask people to hang on to their books until we can receive books, because we will be desperate for books for our store and sale once the library reopens.

4.Jackie reported that Vicki from the county wanted to post about the FOTPL and she sent her lots of photos and information. The site is called Dig Deeper, Discover Your Community and it's on the County website.

Next Meeting: August 5

