

Friends of The Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting
May 4, 2016
6:30 P.M.

Board Members present: Carmen Ingols, Linda Davenport, Dieter Renning, Hal Owen, Brooks Judd, Mike Seifert, , Gity Miller, Pat Hickman, Pat Portwood

Other Members present: Sabra Stafford, Hanna Renning, Sandy Mann, Terri Shaver, Dorothy Finnegan, Barbara Jensen, Jayne Smith

Call to order: Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm. by Vice President Carmen Ingols .

Introductions: The Board welcomed a visitor, Terri Shaver

The minutes of the April Meeting were approved with the following two revisions: Typo spelling of Dieter Renning's first name and under Fundraising report, the word "change" should be "chance" Dieter made a motion to accept the minutes with these changes; Gity seconded . Motion passed.

Reports

President

Vice President, Carmen Ingols, was honored at the recent Shining Star Awards and brought her plaque, certificates and pin to share with the Board. She presided over the May meeting since Jackie is out of town.

Treasurer

Linda Davenport presented the current Treasurer's Report and as of May 4, 2016 there is a balance of \$17,733 . A \$500 check was presented to the Save Stanislaus Libraries.

Membership

Hal Owen reported there was one family membership renewal for April. There are now 147 memberships and 178 members.

Foundation

Save the Dates -August 19, Party at the Library, a thank you for our donors; September 24-Author's Garden Gala, a fundraiser for the Children's Summer Reading Programs SAVE STANISLAUS LIBRARIES campaign has started. Voting will take place June, 2017. We need to raise \$150,000 to run the campaign as well as spread the word -this is a renewal of the 1/8th of cent sales tax which funds 89% of the libraries' budget. Without the tax, there will be no libraries, no Friends groups, etc. **Yes, You Can Count on My Support for Libraries** cards

were handed out. People were encouraged to take some to any other groups to which they may belong.

Newsletter

The Board complimented Phyllis on the exemplary newsletter .

Librarian's Report

Diane reported the Summer Reading Program runs May 24th-August 9th and the theme is "Read For the Win". Reading Logs are maintained by children,teens and adults.

Prizes/incentives range from Treasure Box goodies, to Amazon gift certificates, and Grand Prizes of Fitbit (thanks to the Foundation) and quilt for adults. This year Diane asked the Friends for \$50 for book giveaways for children, \$100 for bookmarks and pencil giveaways for the Teens and Tweens , and \$50 for a Kindle to use as a prize for the adults. Pat H. made a motion, Linda seconded and motion passed. Diane also asked for volunteers for May 28th from 10-12 for Turlock's summer reading kickoffkick. Diane shared a booklet put together by Olga Cárdenas for Dia de Los Ninos, approx. 45 children attended.

Fundraising

Linda and Barbara reported on the upcoming Fashion Show/ Tea to be held Saturday, October 1, 2016 at the Presbyterian Church on Berkeley. Cindy's DooDads will provide the clothes, tickets will be \$20 per person , tables of 8 are available. There will be a silent auction and it was suggested we could auction a gift certificate for the Book Bin.

Farmer's Market

The market opens May 7 at the Stanislaus Fairgrounds. Pat P. will visit and gather more info on our location, what we need to bring, etc. After Saturday, she will email the Board for sign ups for May 21.Shifts will be 8-10 and 10 to 12. Hal suggested making some talking points for volunteers and it was also suggested the Board call members and ask them to partner for the shifts. The rest of the dates for the summer will be decided upon at the June board meeting.

Library Advisory

Dorothy handed out the Annual County Library Report prepared by the County Librarian, The Board was reminded that the names, etc reflect for the year 2014-15, always a year behind. Dorothy pointed out several facts: how little is spent on the books, how much is on personnel. Also, over \$250,000 was collected for fines and that some libraries have credit card machines.

Old Business

Tuesday May 10 meeting at the Library @ 6 pm. Hanna will provide punch, Dorothy,cookies and Pat ,cups and napkins. Introduction by Jackie,who will give the background and goals .Jeani to say " a few words" , reading of the letter going to the FOTPL , presentation of the check and pictures.

New Business

Strategic Planning Committee

Linda Davenport is the FOTPL representative serving on the Stanislaus County Library Strategic Planning committee. Linda reported on their first meeting with the consultant . Members were asked what is working about their library, what is not and also a big question ,which city needs a larger library. Apparently, it was shared that Turlock did not get a new library years back due to not having a specific site selected. The current Search Committee plans to have a recommended site within a year. Linda asked about the 2 sites over by Bonader which will be shared at the May 18th search committee meeting. It was suggested that the search committee should keep the Board informed at every meeting of any progress.

Donation

Dorothy shared the story of a donor who came to the Book Bin and gave \$100 towards the Building Fund.

Public Input :

Barbara Jensen shared the story of her grandson who's favorite place is the Library!! These stories are why we volunteer to keep our libraries going.

Next Meeting

Wednesday , June 1, 2016

6:00 pm. Annual Meeting and Election of Board members

6:30 pm. Board Meeting

Meeting Adjourned at 7:45 pm.