

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
May 5th, 2021
Via Zoom

Board Members Present: Pat Portwood, Jane Cluff, Carmen Ingols, Brooks Judd, Diane Gray, Karon Johnson, Greg Rogers, Terri Shaver, Sandie Sing and Patricia Williams.

Friends Present: Diane Bartlett, Bryan Sontag, Phyllis Frasier, Hanna and Dieter Renning, Sarah Dentan and Stella Beratlis

Call to Order: Pat Portwood called the meeting to order at 6:30

Welcome: Pat welcomed guests.

Minutes: Under new business, Pat requested we amend the April minutes; After the April meeting the group decided to postpone committing \$2,400 for the Children's Garden. Brooks moved to approve the minutes and Carmen seconded.

Reports

Treasurer: Carmen reported the following for April:

Income:	1,312.95
Expenses:	35,000.00
Ck. Acct & time dep:	24,375.62
Library Funds:	327,200.37
Grand total:	351,575.99

Carmen is developing the new yearly budget which she will present at the June meeting. Pat pointed out that we have more pledges that will be coming in the year 2021/2022. Next year we will be discussing how to

spend this money. Phyllis explained that expenses for the newsletter have been lower because she hasn't been printing copies for the library, but once the library opens for browsing, we may want to print copies and will need to raise the budget to cover copying costs. Greg pointed out that we will be moving away from brick and mortar spending to program spending. Pat suggested we have an FOTPL team that determines how we spend program funding.

Librarian: Diane Bartlett said the Summer Reading Challenge begins on May 18th on the Beanstack program. There is a category for ages 0 - 18 where they can earn a free book and become eligible for prizes in a drawing. For those 18 and older, you can also become eligible for prizes via reading and creating book reviews. The theme is "Reading Colors Your World." There are three escape rooms planned for this summer as well. Her parting words were, "READ this summer!"

Old Business

New Library Funding Suggestions: Sarah Dentan, County Librarian, voiced appreciation for the discussion at last month's meeting which changed her perspective. She suggested 3 umbrellas, 12 stackable chairs and 3 tables for the courtyard at a cost of \$4000. She also suggested Maker Space materials totaling \$11,000. Materials include a 3D printer with cart and supplies, six iPads to add to Chromebooks that are already planned and four sewing machines. The total "ask" is \$15,000. After discussion, Jane moved to fund the requests, Carmen seconded, and the board voted to approve.

Membership Report: Diane G reported that she plans to create membership packets and requested another \$50 for envelopes in budget. Pat said she plans to have a membership table at the grand opening and

foresees a lot of interest. Last month there were two new Lifetime Memberships at \$150 each - unusual for this time of year! The Newsletter has resulted in a couple of inquiries as well.

Update on Renovation: (stanislauslibrary.org/turlockexpansion): They are continuing to have construction meetings on Wednesdays. Project completion has been pushed to early June. The fence will stay up until the opening. Carpet has gone in and shelving and furniture are coming soon. The donor display in the vestibule is ready for plaques. Lighting, both interior and exterior is going in this week and next. The parking lot surface will be sealed soon and undriveable for a few days.

Update on Fundraising Committee and Review of Fundraising Packet: Pat reported they had one last meeting and celebrated 1.4 million donated!

Follow up on art competition Ideas by the Art Committee: Jane reported that 50 entries from the Art Contest cosponsored by the FOTPL and the Carnegie Arts Center are now exhibited at the Carnegie. Sandie Sing and Lisa McDermott chose 50 from the 90 submitted to be judged. Vito Chiesa, Keith Boggs and Sarah Dentan chose seven award winners. Rhett Regina Owings won the Grand Prize of \$1000.00. There was an article in the Turlock Journal today. The exhibit is free and up until the end of July. We will then be able to display as many of the winners as we choose at our grand opening. According to the Arts Committee budget, \$450.00 will be offered to judges, about \$60 will be paid to Carnegie for platform fees, \$3000.00 will be awarded to winners and \$500 will be paid to Stella Beratlis for the poem we commissioned for the Grand Opening.

Stella Beratlis read poem commissioned by the FOTPL for grand opening

May Newsletter: Phyllis thanked everyone who wrote articles and helped her put it together.

Book Bin Update: Greg reported that Mary has been doing a great job coordinating the schedule of volunteers checking in on books

New Business

Farmers Market: Pat Portwood shared that Theresa Kiehn, the new market chairperson, asked FOTPL to table along with the Carnegie Center. Pat, Brooks, Carmen and Greg will work at the table on May 8th.

Thankyous to Brooks and Karon for serving on the board and to Diane Barlett for being our excellent Librarian.

Next meeting - June 2nd via zoom. Bryan will be sending out the Zoom invitation next month and Karina will take over after that. (It is our annual meeting, and we will meet our new Librarian, Karina)