

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Board of the
Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Turlock Library, Wednesday 6 November 2013, 7:00 PM**

ATTENDING: Board Members: Jeanne Endsley, Nancy Frykman, Michael Fuller, Carmen Ingols, Hal Owen, Pat Portwood, Mike Seifert. **Other FOTPL members:** Joan Ahlstrand, Pat Hickman, Dieter Renning, Hanna Renning, Jayne Smith, Charles Teval. **Guests from Friends of the Hilmar Library:** Barbara Ellington, Mary Nickles, Ruben Violante.

Call to Order: President Jeanne Endsley called the meeting to order at 7:01 PM.

Approval of the Minutes of the October Meeting: Nancy moved, Mike seconded that we approve the minutes with the corrections noted. Approved unanimously.

REPORTS

President: Jeanne reminded us of Sabra's suggestion about having book reviews appear in *The Turlock Journal* on Fridays, to be called something like "Readers' Corner." She passed the information on to Phyllis so that it can appear in the next Newsletter.

Treasurer: Carmen reported she had a new email address. She also reported that there had been \$458.50 in income and \$365.94 in expenses, leaving a balance of \$22,692.30. With the CD, total available funds are \$29,974.70. She had received a bill from Kelly for \$189.79 for a variety of items for children. Michael moved, seconded by Phyllis, that the Board approve payment. Approved unanimously.

Membership Secretary: One new person had joined, and three others had renewed.

Librarian: Charles thanked those who helped with the Read to a Dog and Halloween programs (Brooks, Hal, Hanna, Joan). The Halloween party had brought out more than 200 children and adults. There is still a good turnout for the kids' Lego Days, and 13 teenagers took part in a duct tape craft program on October 21.

There will be a paper bag owl craft program for kinds on Monday, November 18 and 3 PM as well as another Lego Day the following Monday at 4 PM.

Charles also announced (and it shouldn't have come as a shock to any of us) that the library would be closed on both Veterans Day and Thanksgiving this year.

He is still researching the purchase of a book return; he had received a catalog with sale prices from Carmen. He's comparing what else might be available and trying to get a couple of other questions answered.

Foundation: As president of the Foundation, Pat P. has three main goals: to increase fundraising, to create an endowment and to develop the Foundation (by increasing the membership to nine). We had all received her thank-you letter as part of the fall fundraising. She hopes to continue to be able to support the summer reading program throughout Stanislaus County.

Newsletter: Phyllis reported that she is still waiting for a few items to come in but promised that the latest issue would go out this coming week.

Technology Committee: Jeanne had to report again that nothing much has been happening with the Tech Comm. She wondered aloud whether someone else would like to chair the committee. No one bit, but Mike agreed to serve as co-chair. The first order of business should be to set some reasonable goals, one of which might be to get a qualified CSUS or high school student to shake us up — or at least to lead us out of darkness.

Bookstores: There was some discussion of a before-Christmas sale, maybe the day after Thanksgiving, including some teen or young-adult books for \$2.50 or \$3. Could the Friends borrow the blue cart from the Friends' Bookstore? And a table from the Library for the sale? Joan will be advertising the sale, to include collectables, a few of which have been put on eBay for us.

OLD BUSINESS

Booksale: Hanna reported that our sale is not yet listed on <http://www.booksalefinder.com/CAN.html> because she had not heard from the Church¹. She will also contact the police department (for the VIPs again). Whoever is in charge of advertising should check with Susan Helm-Lauber. Press releases will also go out. Sorting still needs to be done; we need those dates for the newsletter.

NEW BUSINESS

Book Lovers' Calendar: Jeanne had received information about calendars that sell for \$2.50 (30 minimum order); we could sell them for as much as \$10 apiece. There were many unanswered questions: for example, are they ready to be shipped? It was suggested that the Board be polled via email when that information becomes available. Pat P. proposed that if we order the calendars, we request a donation of \$10 for each one. Unanimously undecided. She then moved, and Michael seconded, that we order 50 or 60 if they are available before Christmas. Passed.

Sing-Along *Messiah*: Dieter announced a community sing-along *Messiah* to take place Sunday, November 24 from 4 to 6 PM at Trinity Presbyterian Church on Carver Road. Ginger Colla will conduct.

¹ We are now listed for Jan 30 - Feb 1, 2014: "[Friends of Turlock Public Library](#) at First United Methodist Church, 1660 Arbor Way (Where Berkeley meets E. Main)." (Personal note.)

Next Meetings: Our next meeting will take place on December 4, same time, same location. The first meeting in 2014 will take place on January 8: the first Wednesday of the month is New Year's day, and absolutely no one wants to meet that day. Charles checked: the room is available.

Adjournment: Michael moved; Mike seconded: that the meeting be adjourned. Passed. It was 8:18 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller, standing/sitting in for
Jackie Oyer, Recording Secretary