

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
October 2, 2019

Board Members Present: Pat Portwood, Diane Gray, Hope Werness, Hal Owen, Brooks Judd, Karon Johnson, Jane Cluff, Mary Ward, Carmen Ingols. Absent: Sabra Stafford and Jackie Oyer.

Friends Present: Michael Seifert, Dorothy Finnegan, Hanna and Dieter Renning, Terry Fisher, Diane Bartlett

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

Minutes: September minutes were approved.

President's Report

The Stanislaus Library Foundation Author's Gala was a financial success; \$13,700 for children's books was donated!

City Council member, Nicole Lawson, called Pat about the storage unit; thank you to Brooks for attending a Kiwanis meeting at which Nicole's husband received an informational flyer about our need.

Treasurer's Report

Carmen reported the FOTPL earned a total of \$943.45 in September from a combination of membership, donations, Friends' Bookstore, the Farmers' Market and interest. A \$500 donation gave the income category a boost this month. Expenses were \$698.70 - \$73.70 newsletter costs and a \$625.00 accountant's fee.

Pat asked Carmen to clarify the thankyou letter procedure when FOTPL receives a donation; Hal and Carmen explained that it was considered the Treasurer's duty, and Pat suggested it be added to the job description. A donation of any amount should be acknowledged with a

thankyou letter. Jackie is responsible for thanking those who donate to the Building Fund.

Librarian's Report

Diane asked people to cast votes for the Turlock Library in Hey Turlock's "Smartest" Hey Fave category.

Volunteers are needed for the Halloween Story Time and Parade from 9:30 - 12 on Thursday, October 31st.

Diane reported that the programs are attracting many participants - an average of 17 at the Adults Love Crafting classes and up to 72 (!) at Wiggle Worms.

Upcoming events are Python Ron on 10/8, Spooky T-shirts on 10/9 and 10/14 and Stranger Things on 10/16.

Old Business:

Brooks went to Kiwanis and Rotary Club meetings as Advocate. He passed out a lot of flyers about our need for a storage unit and said people were friendly and supportive.

Diane went to Staples to look into FOTPL stationary. A ream of paper would cost us about \$40. They would charge about \$128 for 1000 copies. If they provided paper as well, they would charge \$271. She also said that she could share the electronic file and people could print their own stationary as they write letters. Hanna asked if we would print envelopes, and Diane said they are expensive. Pat, Hal and Carmen all said that 1000 would be too large an order; 500 would be more appropriate. Diane will get additional proposals from Seegers, possibly Turlock Schools, (through Jackie) price envelopes and report back at the November meeting. Terry Shaver suggested Diane come up with two or three designs that the group can vote on.

New Business:

Jackie will be hosting a Book Sale Committee meeting at her home on October 9th at 1:30.

Hanna, Jackie and Pat and others met with the project design architects for the new library. We now have a big art representation of the front entrance of the new library to put out for public viewing. The new building is currently designed to have 19,328 square feet of usable space. It is cheaper to do library project in one phase. The goal is to begin in spring 2020 and finish in spring 2021. Final decisions should be made on November 5th at the Board of Supervisors' meeting about phases and design, and all are welcome to attend. Hanna said designers took into account all of the ideas people have been suggesting at open meetings.

Donors should have a registry to peruse and choose a gift/amount that is right for them. Please let Pat know if you have ideas for the donation suggestions list. Valley Children's Hospital on Pelandale has an interactive wall that Pat imagines would be a wonderful addition in the vestibule and a possible FOTPL targeted donation.

Next Meeting: November 6th.