

Friends of the Turlock Public Library  
Board Meeting Minutes (via Zoom)  
10/7/20

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

**Friends Present:** Dieter and Hanna Renning, Dianne Bartlett, Pat Hickman, Jayne Smith, Bryan Sontag and Mary Salegui.

**Call to Order:** Pat Portwood called the meeting to order at 6:31.

**Minutes:** The minutes for September were approved.

## Reports

### Treasurer:

Carmen reported the following:

Income:	26,269.25 (170.0 memb., 26,050.0 bld. fund....)
Expenses:	1,196.41 (980.0 acct. Fee, building fund....)
Ck. Acct & CDs:	40,579.79
Building Funds:	228,906.36 (money market and CDs)
Grand total:	269,485.56

The cost for accounting was higher than normal because we have income above \$50,000 and needed to complete the long form.

Pat said we will probably receive the bill for the costs of the children's room tree, etc...and the courtyard in the next few weeks.

**Librarian:**

Pat thanked Diane B. for her help with technology in presenting FOTPL information to Rotary Club, etc....

Diane requested some of the \$2,285.0 leftover from 2020 to create about 30 to 35 goodie bags that would cost approximately a couple dollars a piece. She also would like to do the "Guess the Seeds in the Pumpkin" activity which costs about \$20.00. She would like to contribute to a system wide Zoom art class for adults - \$50.00. The board voted to pay for these expenses. October 18th - 24th is National Friends of the Library Week.

**Old Business**

Membership Report: Diane G. felt the drive was very successful with a total of 64 responses - 26 new two-year memberships resulting in \$3,300.65 in Membership and Building Fund donations. She believes the numbers will slow down now.

Update on renovation: ([stanislauslibrary.org/turlockexpansion](http://stanislauslibrary.org/turlockexpansion)) Bryan shared that all the trusses have been put up on the new building, and by the next meeting we should see shingles going up. It's "moving along swimmingly" and we are still on track for an April/May completion. The library will open at least 30 days after completion.

Update on Fundraising committee: Pat reported that four of the nine possible rooms have been sponsored. She did a presentation for the Turlock Sunrise Rotary, and they are interested in donating with recognition in the library. The committee is meeting next week to assess their progress and regroup.

Follow up on Art Competition ideas by the Art Committee-Jane, Mary and Sandie: Mary explained that we are currently planning a Creative Competition with the help of Lisa McDermott of the Carnegie Center and Gillian Wegener of MoSt Poetry. The board agreed to budget \$5000.0 and asked the committee to bring an itemized budget to the next meeting.

Membership Drive Phone Calls. Hanna and Terri have reached out to people who have been library supporters in the past but are not current

members. Hanna reported that she and Terri contacted 34 people by phone to gauge their interest in renewing their memberships and possibly donate to the building fund. The board approved a modified proposal by Hanna to send the Community Donor form and Membership form to 31 current library supporters but non-members. Diane G. reminded the group about Sandie's idea to promote membership as a Christmas gift. Terri suggested we do something like sell bricks with donor names as a fundraiser. Greg recommended that we make donating easier by setting up a donate button on our website, and Pat explained that we don't have our own website; we are under the umbrella of the Stanislaus Library. There is a possibility that we could get permission to do this or we could create our own website, and Greg offered to create a website for FOTPL. Pat shared the packet that the Fundraising Committee is using to advertise donation opportunities.

## **New Business**

Jackie reported that she and Carmen went to the storage garage and worked a few hours organizing, and we can now store book donations. If someone wants to donate books, we can take them. They should call Jackie, and she is willing to pick up. That should be included in the newsletter, etc....

Future agenda items: Book Bin,  
November-December fundraising ideas,  
January -March publicity/ fundraising for April opening  
Other

The meeting was adjourned at 8:02. Our next meeting is Wednesday, November 4th.