

Friends of the Turlock Public Library  
Board Meeting Minutes  
October 6, 2021

**Board Members Present:** Pat Portwood, Mary Ward, Jane Cluff, Carmen Ingols, Diane Gray, Jackie Oyer and Patricia Williams. Absent: Sabra Safford, Sandie Sing and Terri Shaver

**Friends Present:** Karina Mendoza, Hanna and Dieter Renning, Penny Calkins and Phyllis Frasier.

**Call to Order:** Pat Portwood called the meeting to order at 6:34

**Welcome:** Pat welcomed Penny Calkins, a Friend who was using the library and noticed Diane Gray's sign announcing our meeting tonight and decided to attend for the first time.

Pat reported that the State Librarian visited today, he was received by a group of Friends and library employees, and he was very impressed.

Next week is National Library Week, and Pat would like us to acknowledge it in some way.

**Minutes:** Jackie moved to approve the minutes and Pat seconded.

## Reports

**Treasurer:** Carmen reported the following for August:

Income:	49,188.85
Expenses:	342.83
Ck. Acct & time dep:	29,779.65
Library Funds:	384,130.88
Grand total:	413,910.53

Pat shared that we received another \$40,000.00 from the original donors for *The Library Presents* program.

**Librarian:** Karina reported that all library internet access and phones will be shut down from October 19th through the 22nd. The network will then be faster and more reliable.

Karina also asked what FOTPL wants to do with the bookshelves from the old store. The group decided to try to find a 501c3 group that would like them. If no group wants them, then we can try to sell them.

Pat said we also have a few other things, such as plaques to possibly get rid of.

## **Old Business**

Program Committee: Jackie is exploring arts presentations; she contacted Pitman High School choir and orchestra and the teachers are interested and waiting for dates and administrative approval. Jane shared her preliminary research into potential authors. Pat would like to develop a Memorandum of Understanding to use with presenters. The donors are pleased with our progress.

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee is composed of Pat, Carmen, Mary and Michael Siefert. Pat explained that we need a financial advisor to oversee our fund management and asked members to email her or Carmen if we can recommend one.

Membership Committee: Diane reported that she met with Hal Owen, Pat Williams and Jane Cluff and had an idea exchange. Diane has been researching large data bases. Diane spoke to Jackie about putting membership packets in the Bookstore but emphasized that we don't want to "pounce on people."

FOTPL Document Filing System at the Library: Mary and Pat plan to go through FOTPL documents and create an organization system.

Bookstore: Jackie shared that we sold \$130 worth of books last week! We need more books.

## **New Business**

By-laws Review Committee:

November Newsletter: Phyllis requested submissions by October 25th.

Library's Requests: Karina requested a kitchen set, board book storage unit and learning cube for the Children's Room; seating, musical flowers and log builders for the Outdoor Imagination Station; sewing materials, Ipad stands and a die cutting machine for the Makerspace; a Nintendo Switch and games for the Teen Room and book supports for the general library at a total of \$16,498.63 ....Jane moved that we approve funding for all of the items and Mary seconded. Pat said the umbrellas and a couple of chairs for the patio are on backorder. The \$2000.00 for teen and children's books will be covered by FOTPL.

Chair Donated by Jeani and John Ferrari: Jeani donated a chair from the old library which she refinished. It has been placed in the Quiet Room.

Next meeting - 11/3/21 at the library at 6:30 p.m.