

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting
2 September 2015
6:30 PM

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Diane Bartlett (Turlock Regional Librarian, *ex officio*), Linda Davenport, Phyllis Frasier (*ex officio*), Michael Fuller, Pat Hickman, Chris Hughes, Carmen Ingols, Brooks Judd, Hal Owen, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, Dieter Renning, Pat Rubalcava and Mike Seifert.

GUESTS: Joan Ahlstrand, Dorothy Finnegan, Hanna Renning and Jayne Smith.

CALL TO ORDER: Jackie called the meeting to order at 6:32.

MINUTES: Hal moved, Pat H seconded that the minutes of the June meeting be approved. The vote was unanimous.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT: Jackie has learned that DD's wants to donate something to the Friends. Their grand opening will be 26 September at 9:00.

TREASURER: Linda reported that income during the month of August had been \$407.60 while expenses had totaled \$258.87, bringing our checking balance to \$33,204.12. Our CD remains at \$7,313.02. Total available funds are \$40,517.25. Her report was accepted.

MEMBERSHIP: Hal reported 2 renewals, bringing us up to 220 members.

FOUNDATION: Pat P. reported on the "Donors Are Heroes" program held at the Modesto Library on 18 August. Two children from Turlock who had gone through the "1000 Books before Kindergarten" program and their mother were there, as was Tanner, to talk about how essential the library is for our community. Yeah for the Turlock team!

The Foundation's fundraiser, an author's gala, will take place on 26 September at the home of Ginger and Ken Johnson. Surla's will cater the dinner; entertainment will include Surla's guitarist; wine will be from Gallo. There will be an auction of various desserts. Cost: \$125 a plate, a reduction from what it cost the last time we had a dinner. Only 125 can attend, and the foundation has already sold 93, so if you want to go, call Pat a.s.a.p.

NEWSLETTER: Phyllis announced that the next newsletter is due out in November. She has set a deadline of 10 October for articles, ideas for articles, photos, etc.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Diane's report focused on upcoming events in the library. **Scheduled events for September** include: the 8th at 4 PM: Great Valley Museum—Dinosaurs (although there is still no contract; we can tapdance if necessary) | the 14th at 6:30 PM: Electronic Résu-

més (including nonformatted, Word, PDF) | the 15th at 4 PM: Pirate Day | the 16th at 4 PM: Kids' Book Club (grades 4 – 8) | and at 7 PM: Pinterest Class: Relax with Coloring Pages for Adults | the 21st at 6:30 PM: mángo languages | the 22d at 4 pm: Lego® Day | the 28th at 6:30 PM: Introduction to Library Databases | the 29th at 4 PM: *Alice in Wonderland*: Celebrating 150 Years. She also gave us a heads-up for help with the special Halloween Story Time on the 29th. She'll pass around a signup sheet next month, so clear your calendars.

— The entire month has been designated **Library Card Signup Month**. —

Diane also reminded us that Story Time had resumed. Wiggle Worms meets on Wednesday mornings at 10:00 and again at 11:00. The Preschool Group meets on Thursdays at the same times. Meanwhile, Michelle and Diane are interviewing next week, hoping to fill openings for part-time hours. These positions will be helping children's services besides working at the public desks.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

MEMBERSHIP: There will be another meeting of the committee next month.

FUNDRAISING: Joan passed around a list of suggestions the committee had come up with. High on the list were both a raffle and the book sale. Others included a tea, a golf tournament, a garden tour, a garage sale, a race or marathon, working with Las Casuelas in Turlock for a drive-thru fundraiser (requiring much work on our part and a minimum of 200 tickets sold or \$2000), and scrip (e.g., Savemart, Raley's, etc.). She asked that we think about these possibilities.

BOOK SALE: Carmen says that as of now there are 46 boxes of paperbacks, 26 boxes of hard-back fiction, 28 boxes of nonfiction and 9 boxes of children's books (total: 109): significantly fewer than we had last year at this time because we had no storage facility for such a long time.

OLD BUSINESS: The FOTPL will host an open house on 29 October, beginning at 5:30. Twenty or thirty guests from the community will be invited. Jackie passed around an invitation for us to approve and asked that we approve the \$20 – \$30 it will cost to have the invitations printed. Approval given. Linda said that she would coordinate refreshments.

NEW BUSINESS: There was a lengthy discussion on whether the FOTPL wants its own five-year plan or how our needs for a new library should be presented to the county. Nothing was decided, but there was a lot of food for thought, to coin a cliché.

Adjournment: At 7:41 PM Michael moved and Brooks seconded that we adjourn.

Next Month's Meeting: The next board meeting will begin at 6:30 PM on 7 October in the Turlock Library.

Respectfully submitted,
Michael Fuller
Recording Secretary