

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Meeting Minutes
September 7, 2022

Board Members Present: Mary Ward, Jackie Oyer, Jane Cluff, Mike Seifert, Terri Shaver, Sandie Sing, Sabra Stafford, Pat Portwood and Sheila Younkin. Absent: Diane Gray

Friends Present: Karina Mendoza and Brooks Judd

Call to Order: Mary called the meeting to order at 6:31

Minutes: The board agreed to approve the August minutes.

Reports

Treasurer: Mike reported the following for August:

Income:	11,879.80
Expenses:	1,277.10
Ck. acct./c.d./blding fund	182,470.38
Morgan Stanley	275,488.69
Grand total:	457,959.07

Librarian: Karina shared that Story Time was on a break in August, but many other events took place including Mystery Lovers Book Club, Building Challenge, Board Game Day, Master Gardeners Class, and Wax Resist Art. In addition Library employees visited Avena Bella, a low-income housing development, the Adult School Resource Fair, Farmer's Market and Dutcher Middle School.

This month is library card sign up month. The Turlock Library has partnered with the Stan State Library to do outreach events.

Our bus stop is fully functional! We are Route 4!

We are currently a “cooling center” and open until 9 p.m.

The Turlock Library is now 99% fully staffed!

Karina requested FOTPL funding for two laptop computers at a cost of approximately \$4,118.20 and one booktruck at a cost of approximately \$848.57. Pat moved that we spend up to \$6000.00 on these items. Jane seconded Pat’s motion and the board voted to approve.

Old Business

Library Presents: Pat shared that our upcoming speaker, Jamie Ford was featured on The Today Show, and his recent book is being made into a television series. He’s also been featured in Real Simple magazine. On September 15th volunteers will develop a plan for the October 8th event. The total cost of the author, facilities rental, snacks and drinks is about \$14,000.

Programs in general are being developed including a spring program featuring a graphic artist geared for teens and another major author in September, 2023. The Library Presents budget is about \$30,000 per year.

Mike researched “point of sale” options for payment, and the most cost effective was *Square* which charges for each transaction. We would buy their terminal for \$299.00 which has a built in printer, and there is no service contract. It could be used for Farmers’ Market, Bookstore, Membership, Library Presents....The fees are approximately 4% of purchases. Users access available WiFi or use a phone as a hotspot.

Mike moved to spend \$350 on Square, Jane seconded and the board voted to approve.

Membership: Diane has resigned as Membership Chair. She reported that In August there were three renewals, six new memberships and two new Lifetime memberships, with a total of 71 Lifetime members. Total membership is now 143 and we made \$400 in income from membership in August. Thank you for your service, Diane!

Farmer's Market: September 10th will be the last market for the season, and it is fully staffed. Thank you, Brooks!

Party at the Library: Pat shared that the event, an annual report to the Library Foundation donors, welcomed about 50 attendees.

New Business

Ralph Shabazian Trust Gift: Mr. Shabazian named FOTPL in his Trust, and the gift will be about \$100,000. A committee will be formed to create proposals for how to spend the gift, and the family would like to be consulted for the final decision.

Next meeting: October 5th, 2022 at 6:30.

November 2nd, we will meet in The Maker Space at 5:30; Kelly from Morgan Stanley will speak at the beginning of the meeting. Our monthly meeting will follow.