

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting
6 August 2014

Board Members Present: Jeanne Endsley, Phyllis Frasier, Michael Fuller, Carmen Ingols, Brooks Judd, Gity Miller, Hal Owens, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, Mike Seifert.

Guests Present: Diane Gray, Pat Hickman, Sandy Mann, Michael Mayreis (in for Anne-Marie, Turlock Regional Librarian), Dieter Renning, Hanna Renning, Mary Salegui, Jayne Smith.

Call to Order: Jeanne Endsley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM sharp. Hal/Jackie moved and seconded that the minutes of the July meeting be approved. Passed unanimously.

Reports:

President: Jeanne passed around a copy of the September 2014 issue of *Turlock Pioneer*, a publication of the Turlock Historic Society. She also reported that at 10:00 am on August 14 there will be a free seminar at the Carnegie for those already active on social media. One must “RSVP”; Pat, Phyllis and Gity expressed interest in attending.

Treasurer: Carmen presented the first financial report of the 2014–15 fiscal year. Income for the month was \$1238 while expenses were just \$382. Ending balances were \$26,366.16 in our checking account and \$7,296.97 in a CD. There is also an interest-only CD (the Gallison Fund) that is currently at \$6,840.59.

Olga, the children’s librarian, had submitted a bill for materials for the whopping tune of \$17.39. Jackie moved, Pat P. seconded that we approve this payment. Unanimous.

It seems that the library is having such success with the Lego blocks projects that they need more Lego blocks. Jackie moved that the library be able to spend up to \$100 on Lego blocks without needing permission for this Board. Gity seconded. Passed unanimously. Brooks wondered aloud whether Target might donate some Lego blocks; he and Pat P. will check on this. Someone wanted to know if Lego might be willing to make a small donation.

Membership: Hal indicated that we had received 14 individual renewals, seven family renewals, one lifetime membership, three donations (for a total of \$75) and a donation in memory of Mary Peterson. Total: \$430 in memberships, \$125 in donations — or \$555 in all. (Just 54 have not yet renewed.)

Newsletter: Phyllis said that the August newsletter is almost ready and will go out very soon.

Turlock Librarian: Anne-Marie was unable to attend the meeting but sent Michael Mayreis in her stead. He highlighted the July happenings. | The library held the last program of 8 for the Crazy 8’s Math program on July 10 and will be offering another series in late fall or early spring. | A total of 208 people (98 + 110) enjoyed Uncle Jer’s Traveling Bee Show on July 21. The library could not have accommodated everyone if the Friends had not paid for the second show. | 38 teens and their adult companions enjoyed our Zombie Readiness program on July 23. | Summer reading ended August 2. We will receive participation information next month. || Ongoing and upcoming programs include Story Time, which is currently in session (but only through next week, August 14). | Teens and tweens will be invited to make their own ice cream or sherbet on August 19. | Lego Day will begin at 3:30 on 26 August.

The library now has a wonderful selection of e-books, e-magazines and Newsback, the online database that allows one to search current and archived newspaper coverage of issues, events, people, government, sports and more from local (except for Patterson) full-text articles, obituaries, editorials, announcements, real estate offerings and other sections. The Turlock Library will host a presentation on Social Security issues twice during August: on the 19th, then again on the 27th; both sessions are from 7 to 8 PM.

Stanislaus Library Foundation: Pat reminded us of two events. The first, from 5:30 to 7:30 on 22 August, is the Party at the Library to recognize all the library's financial supporters, those who wrote each of the 15 chapters of the community novel and for everyone to meet our new county library, Diane McDonnell and chat with the authors of the community novel. | The second will take place on November 16: Daniel Handler (AKA Lemony Snicket) at the Gallo Center. | And don't forget: when you go to amazon.com, B&N or GoodSearch through <http://www.stanislauslibraryfoundation.org>, you help generate referral funds for the Foundation.

Old Business:

Farmers' Market: Pat announced that "Olga was wonderful for Kids' Day at the Market!" It was a hot, hot day, but a dozen kids dropped by off and on throughout the morning. The Friends even sold \$8 in books. | We will also have a presence at the August 22 Market. Hal and Michael are scheduled for the 8 to 10 shift; Hanna and Brooks, from 10 to noon. We have a night Market on September 8; Jeanne and Michael will be there for our table.

Off Center Thrift: This organization gives monetary donations to various nonprofits. Although we received one not long ago, Gity said she would ask if they could consider us again.

New Business:

Amy Taylor: Amy Taylor is leaving to become Merced County Librarian. We wish her the very best and will remember her fondly for all her help and support.

Book Sorting: Sandy announced that sorting will take place tentatively on September 2 – 4.

Hy-Power: Conrad is retiring, probably by the end of the month, and Hy-Power wants to sell its business. In addition, the owners of the property also want to sell: in fact, it went onto the market two weeks ago. We will lose the forklift as well as the kindness we have enjoyed for so long. Hanna wondered if the country might have something to help us out. A going-away party for Conrad was discussed, but we had a party not too long ago for the workers at Hy-Power. We ended up by deciding to send a card. Gity volunteered to deliver the card with some homemade cupcakes.

Adjournment: There being no new business, Michael moved that we adjourn. Brooks seconded the motion. It was 7:21 PM.

Next Meeting: 3 September 2014, 6:30 PM, Turlock Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller