

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
3 August 2016
6:30 – 8:00 PM, Turlock Library

Board Members Present: Diane Bartlett (Turlock Regional Librarian, *ex officio*), Linda Davenport, Michael Fuller, Pat Hickman, Carmen Ingols, Barbara Jensen, Brooks Judd, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, Mike Seifert, Sabra Stafford and Barbara Wells.

Others Present: Jayne Smith.

Call to Order: Jackie called the meeting to order at 6:30 sharp.

Minutes: Pat H. moved and Brooks seconded her motion that the minutes of the July meeting be approved. Passed unanimously.

Reports:

President: Jackie reported that we received a check for \$2530 from dd's Discounts last year. We were lucky enough to benefit from their generosity again this year: dd's is doing another youth literacy fundraiser and will be collecting donations for FOTPL from 3 August through 28 August. The monies will be spent to "purchase brand new books from First Book for our local youth." | Jackie also mentioned the possibility of getting T-shirts for all Board members (at members' expense, of course). She checked prices, and the minimum number of shirts ordered is 20. There's an additional \$3 cost for colored shirts. | Jackie also said she will talk to the City Council about the new library building. She will also report to the Chamber of Commerce and hopes to involve many small businesses in town.

Treasurer: Linda reported that income during the month of July had been \$1104.25 while expenses had totaled \$668.51, bringing our checking balance up to \$13,850.00. Our CD is still worth just \$7,329.11. There are two Library Building Fund CDs, one for \$25,150 and another for \$30,000. There is also a Library Building Fund money market account, into which donations of \$300.00 had been deposited, for a total of \$10,066.41. Her report was accepted unanimously.

Membership: Mike said we currently have 80 members, an increase of nine; at the end of fiscal year (i.e., on June 30, 2016) we had a total of 148 members. The current breakdown is 26 individual memberships, 13 family memberships and 41 life members. Membership goals for 2016–17 include: (a) to encourage all Board members to renew their memberships a.s.a.p.; (b) to increase overall membership by 20 percent to a total of 178, and (c) in order to reach this goal by (i) adding FOTPL promotional literature to membership card envelopes, (ii) contacting past members who have not renewed for more than one year by personal phone calls and/or emails inviting them to renew and (iii) increasing our presence at the [Certified] Farmers' Market.

Foundation: Pat P. reminded everyone of the fall gala for 24 September. She also reminded us of the Party at the Library, which will take place on 19 August and will include a program as well as food and other goodies. The festivities will begin at 5:30. Two families from Turlock will be featured, among others. The Turlockers have read more than 1000 books before kindergarten!

Newsletter: Phyllis could not attend the meeting.

Librarian's Report: Strategic Plan Update: (a) Key informant interviews complete; (b) town hall meetings are next although no dates have been set. | Our library has submitted an application to receive grant funds (limited to rural libraries) that will train staff to work with middle school students, encouraging them to make college a goal. | The Summer Reading Challenge will end on 9 August; the drawings will be on 10/11 August. | On 6 August there will be a root beer tasting at 1:00, competing with A&W's free root beer floats that day. Rumor has it that Diane will be wearing her new dd's duds. | There will be a class on how to prevent falls offered by the Stanislaus County Office of Healthy Aging on 19 August at 10:30. | The Teen Creating Writing Class, the Advisory Board and the Book Club all continue. | Story Time is "between sessions" but will revive itself in September. It will have sensory play on 17 August at 10:00, however. | The Tuesday 4:00 programs for children will continue at the end of the month with Upcycled Pencil Cases, Paver Painting, LEGO® Day and Family Game Day. | This just in: the library is starting a Mystery Lovers' Book Club. | And, yes, Virginia, Turlock Library *is* a Pokéstop.

Farmers' Market: FOTPL will be at the Market on 13 August. Pat P. and Mike will have the 8:00 – 10:00 shift, and Sabra and Michael will be there from 10:00 until noon. We're set up for 10 September, when we will again be at the Market.

Book Sale: Carmen announced that First Presbyterian Church had donated several boxes of kids' books. Meanwhile, she has sorted and stored in her barn 20 boxes of children's books, 48 of fiction, 47 of paperbacks, 68 of nonfiction and 5 of holiday books. We owe her a hearty round of applause!

Tea/Fashion Show: The models are all lined up. Models should go in to Cindy's the last week of September to pick out what they want to wear. No appointment is necessary, but the management would prefer that two people come together. The male escorts won't accompany the models around the room. Evidently Mayor Soiseth and Commissioner Chiesa will be in attendance. A few tickets are still available. We are still in need of more raffle items as well as people to help with the raffle.

New Business

Name Tags: The promised nametags did indeed arrive as promised.

Next Month's Meeting: The next board meeting will begin at 6:30 PM on 5 October 2016.

Adjournment: At 7:20 PM Michael moved and Pat H. seconded that the meeting be adjourned. No one could remember finishing that early before.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller
Recording Secretary