

Friends of the Turlock Public Library  
Board Meeting Minutes  
February 2, 2022  
Via Zoom

**Board Members Present:** Pat Portwood, Mary Ward, Jane Cluff, Carmen Ingols, Diane Gray, Jackie Oyer, Terri Shaver, Sandie Sing, Pat Williams, Sabra Stafford and Mike Seifert

**Friends Present:** Karina Mendoza and Brooks Judd

**Call to Order:** Pat called the meeting to order at 6:33.

**Minutes:** Mary moved to approve the minutes and Jackie seconded. The board voted to approve.

## Reports

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

Income:	9,141.60
Expenses:	779.00
Ck. Acct & time dep:	28,685.85
Library Funds:	89,363.19
Morgan Stanley	300,000.00
Grand total:	418,049.04

**Librarian:** Karina reported that the library has been a little slow, probably because of Covid-19, but people are starting to return in large numbers. The staff is handing out N95 masks; the library received 400 and will receive 400 more tomorrow. Storytime should resume next month if all goes well, Covid wise. The Community Room is currently hosting the AARP's tax filing support for senior citizens and low-income people, and

many of the participants have gotten library cards - a win-win! The county needs to replace some servers, because the internet has been very undependable. Karina is hoping for a very effective project manager to execute this task.

## **Old Business**

Library Presents Committee: Jackie contacted the magician and the two music teachers to postpone performances due to Covid. She hopes to move forward with offerings when it's safe.

Pat reported that she has been negotiating the cost of a three-hour author, Amor Towles, presentation and is hoping for a cost of \$20,000 instead of \$25,000. Jane contacted the Turlock Community Auditorium and has reserved it for June 6th. The cost would be between \$1000 and \$1500 for the space, lighting, etc.... Possibly, members would be free and others could pay \$10 or join! Barnes and Noble would sell books at the presentation. Pat spoke with Priscilla and John, the donors, who said they are very pleased with the progress of the Library Presents Committee.

Finance Committee: Mike said that Carmen, Mary and Pat did the initial paperwork to transfer \$300,000 to Morgan Stanley.

Membership Committee: Diane has finalized and printed the new applications.

Bylaws Committee: Sandie and Mary have been working hard on revising the bylaws, and Diane added Membership perspective at the most recent meeting. So far, they have addressed Articles II and III. Sandie explained that the bylaws help the group to focus on its agreed upon purpose and that they need to be regularly revised. Mary reviewed the changes they are proposing. The Committee's plan is to present finalized bylaws for a vote at the June meeting.

Bookstore: Jackie said January was a great month and donations have been coming in. Brooks said people often compliment the quality and number of books available at the bookstore.

Newsletter: Phyllis will send out the newsletter next week.

## **New Business**

Shining Star Nomination: The Stanislaus library system and The Library Foundation honors outstanding library supporters yearly. Pat asked the board to nominate people from our group and local businesses and organizations at the March meeting. Brooks Judd was a very popular suggestion!

Greeter Position: Pat proposed forming a group of FOTPL volunteers who work as Greeters at the library, similarly to the Bookstore staff. She also reiterated the idea of buying tee shirts or polo shirts for FOTPL members to wear when working at library events.

Nominating Committee: Pat and Brooks volunteered to serve on this committee. Potential board members will be asked to begin attending meetings. Sandie and Mary will work on adding requirements for new board members to the bylaws.

Next meeting: March 2nd