

Friends of the Turlock Public Library  
Board Meeting Minutes  
January 5th, 2022

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

**Friends Present:** Michelle Coxford and Phyllis Frasier

**Call to Order:** Pat Portwood welcomed the group and Mary called the meeting to order at 6:30.

**Minutes:** Jackie moved to approve the minutes, Diane G seconded and the board voted to approve.

## Reports

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

Income:	14,583.80
Expenses:	201.95
Ck. Acct & time dep:	27,836.82
Library Funds:	380,849.92
Grand total:	408,686.74

Pat added that the Bright Foundation gave \$2000 to the FOTPL. Off Center Thrift gave the FOTPL \$750.

**Children's Librarian:** Michelle Coxford reported that people continue to visit the new library for the first time and many say they love the larger Friends Bookstore. The library was given some rapid covid tests from the public health department and it has been an extra challenge to decide how to distribute them. Sarah Dentan decided that in-person countywide

Storytime will be postponed until at least March and that other programs would be evaluated on an individual basis.

## **Old Business**

Library Presents Committee: Jackie shared that she and Pat decided to postpone the January magic show due to Omicron until late March. The Pitman Orchestra and Choir were asked if they could perform in the fall instead of winter/spring 2022.

Pat P. shared that Kim Michele Richardson, author of *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* and a potential speaker, charges \$10,000 to speak. The Carnegie has a room for rent which we could use that seats 200.00. We need to decide by March.

Finance Committee: Mike reported that the committee met with the two finalist financial advisors, Morgan Stanley and Raymond James on December 9th. Kelly McMurry of Morgan Stanley created a personalized investment proposal and won the confidence of the group. Mike moved to approve the choice and invest \$300,000 with Morgan Stanley, Jackie seconded and the group voted to approve. Pat would like to move the money to Morgan Stanley in January.

Membership Committee: Diane reported that we have 144 members. She shared the membership application and highlighted the *My Interests* part which the Membership Chairperson would use as a resource for volunteer help. She talked with the Librarians and confirmed that when they need volunteers for an event, they could communicate with the Membership Chair for potential volunteers.

Bookstore: Jackie shared that the Bookstore made \$308.10 in December.

Newsletter: Phyllis explained that the next newsletter will come out in February. Diane suggested that an article about the Library Presents program be included.

## **New Business**

By-Laws Committee: Pat would like the Newsletter person to be a Board Member. She would also like to have some form of vetting process for new Board Members such as a requirement of prior FOTPL volunteer service. Diane suggested we consider amending the membership year rules to better serve those who join midway through the year or to adjust it to a January to December membership. Pat asked what the benefits of Lifetime Membership are and Diane explained that the greatest benefit is continuity with no need to remember to reapply. Mary suggested a gift membership option.

Mary and Sandie, the By-Laws Review Committee, will meet in January and report in February. Phyllis reminded the group that the revised by-laws and new board would be included in the May Newsletter.

Volunteering at Library: Pat proposed that FOTPL members be open to helping library employees in ways that lighten their work load. Jackie explained that the current volunteers primarily shelve books. Mary proposed that we bring in treats for the employees one day a month.

Next meeting: February 2nd on Zoom