

**Minutes • Meeting of the Board of Directors
Friends of the Turlock Public Library
March 1, 2017
6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

Board Members Present: Diane Bartlett (ex officio), Linda Davenport, Carmen Ingols, Brooks Judd, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, Dieter Renning, Pat Hickman, Mike Seifert, Sabra Stafford and Barbara Wells.

Friends Present: Joan Ahlstrand, Dorothy Finnegan, Phyllis Frasier, Gity Miller, Sandy Mann and Jayne Smith.

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

Approval of the Minutes: Pat Hickwood moved and Brooks Judd seconded the motion that the minutes of the February meeting be approved. Unanimous.

President's Report: With the March 25 Vision for the Turlock Library meeting approaching, Jackie Oyer asked those present at the meeting to fill out surveys regarding the library's current and future usage. The surveys would be used as data for the Vision meeting. Carmen Ingols then gave an update on her efforts to nominate FOTPL members for the Stanislaus County Library Shining Star Award and the Joan Patterson Award. Earlier emails among the board had nominated Hanna Renning for the Joan Patterson Award and an impromptu secret ballot ended with Jackie Oyer nominated for the Shining Star Award.

Treasurer's Report: Linda Davenport reported income of \$151.40 and expenses of \$447.90 and a deduction of \$2,136.17 from the Fashion Tea account for the month of February, leaving a checkbook balance of \$17,437.11 as of February 28, 2017. The Gallison Fund CD had a balance of \$6881.03. The CD had a balance of \$7345.23 for the month. The library building fund money market balance had a beginning balance of \$12,705.20 for the month. There was \$26.23 in interest and \$2,136.17 from the Fashion Tea account for an ending balance of 14,867.60. The two library building fund CDs remain unchanged at \$25,195.29 and \$30,000. It was discussed on whether 20 or 25 percent should be added to the building fund with a decision to be made later. The total of all the building funds stands at \$70,036.46. The report was accepted.

Membership Chair's Report: Mike Seifert reported that the official tally for January membership stood at 14 individual membership renewals, 18 new individual memberships, five family memberships renewed, and four family memberships joined, for a total of 41. The month of February saw one individual membership renewal and two new individual memberships, but lost one family membership renewal due to relocation. Currently FOTPL has 75 individual memberships, 23 family memberships, and 42 life memberships for a total of 140 memberships.

Three new members indicated an interest in volunteering at the book store or for the book sale:

Lisa Dubyak, Turlock, 649-3746 dubyak@sbcglobal.net

Donna Oppelt, Turlock 632-0522

Terri Shaver, Turlock 345-9639 Terri@mathias.org

Report from the Foundation: Pat Portwood told those assembled that the Foundation had finished the mail campaign work for the upcoming tax percentage renewal campaign and that a committee had been formed to plan the annual gala, which is slated for September 23. Currently the gala is considering what author(s) to spotlight during the gala. A committee has formed to read through all the nominations for the Shining Star Award and work is being done to plan the Party at the Library, set for August. At the party the Foundation will pay some recognition to Toyota and their new partnership with the Foundation, which has already netted a check for \$7,500 from the auto company.

Newsletter: Phyllis Frasier let everyone know the next issue is set for May 1 and reminders about deadlines will be issued in April. Dorothy Finnegan suggested an article be written about Pat Portwood being named one of Stanislaus County's Women of the Year.

Librarian's Report: Diane Bartlett gave more clarification on the new budgeting method being undertaken by the library. The changes are being made to protect the county staff from financial ambiguity and to protect Friends groups from liability. The preferred method will see Diane ask for a set sum that would primarily be used for prizes and performers. The county library will be asked to pay for craft materials. Linda Davenport and Pat Hickwood raised some concerns about how the new budget will affect the FOTPL accounting. The county will have one person that will itemize the expenses and provide receipts for the FOTPL. For the summer reading program, the FOTPL have donated two Kindles and the library has book donations from the partnership with DD's Discounts. The library will be purchasing items for four or five basket giveaways for adults. By January 2018 the library will need to know if the FOTPL wants to supply supplemental prizes for the Summer Reading 2018. For the library's wish list they are requesting \$1,000 for performers. The Turlock library would definitely like to have the four Great Valley Museum presentations and a performer in December. They would like \$200 for backpack giveaways in August/September; \$50 for a as yet undetermined guessing game. Diane has attended a state workshop geared towards improving teens' engagement with local libraries. She is considering creating specific volunteer opportunities for teens and will continue to offer the Teen Advisory Board and Reading Club opportunities. Both activities have seen a decline in participation this year. Library staff is getting ongoing training for the interlibrary loan program Link+. Events set for March include a caregiver information session, fan fiction day for teens, and story times for children. Diane would like to offer a citizen information class, but the facility has size limitations. Diane ended her report by reminding the FOTPL that the organization will be turning 25 years in 2018.

Budget Committee: Jackie asked for those Board members that would be interested in forming the Budget Committee and Mike Seifert, Carmen Ingols, and Linda Davenport all said they would be willing to serve on it.

Book Sale: Dorothy Finnegan nominated Jackie Oyer to pick up the mantle of coordinating the book sale. Jackie accepted the role.

Fundraising Committee Report: Linda submitted a list of ideas generated by the committee of Sabra Stafford, Joan Ahlstrand, and Carmen Ingols. The list was passed among the members to see what events had the most support. The Fashion Tea will return. Other ideas included a garage sale, meal drive-throughs, fundraising meal at a local eatery, James Bond theme party, a chef's holiday tasting, Amazon Smile, and online book sales. Ideas were also generated for ways to increase Saturday attendance at the book sale.

Announcements: Pat Portwood let everyone know the AAUW would be honoring Jeani Ferrari on March 23. She also went into more detail about the Vision meeting and that it is an opportunity to talk with the architects, government representatives, and other library users. Gity Miller made an announcement about the ABC tea party set for April 29.

Adjournment: At 8 p.m. (ish) Brooks Judd made a motion to adjourn and it was seconded by Mike Seifert.

Next Meeting: April 5, 2017 at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sabra Stafford