

FRIENDS of the TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MEETING of the BOARD of DIRECTORS

MINUTES

OCTOBER 6, 2010

*CALL to ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:*

In attendance: Harrison Gibbs, President; Dorothy Finnegan, VP; Jeanne Endsley, Treasurer; Pat Hickman, Secretary; Board Members: Cynthia Williams, Christine Nielsen, Donna Oppelt, Dieter Renning, Michael Fuller, Ann Krabach, Nancy Frykman, & Gretchen Williams. Others present: Nancy Jewett, Past President; Jayne Smith, Hanna Renning and Carol Blomquist, Turlock Librarian.

*APPROVAL of MINUTES:*

On a motion by Michael/Cynthia the minutes were approved as presented.

*A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Harrison Gibbs):*

- The Stanislaus Library Foundation is helping with Halloween activities at the branches by giving up to \$100 for supplies. The Turlock Library is asking us to pay for the Halloween Party supplies that are not covered by the Foundation. Motion by Pat/Jeanne to pay Halloween Party expenses that exceed what the Foundation paid for; motion carried.
- Read an email from Susan Lilly asking all friends groups to approach their city council requesting they issue a proclamation for **Friends of Libraries Week October 17 – 23, 2010**. Harrison has arranged for this to happen at the City Council meeting on Oct. 12, 2010. Since Harrison will be out of town that week, Pat will accept the proclamation. Dieter will take care of the press release for the proclamation.
- Read an email from Joan Alstrand, Turlock FOL member, stating that she and Hanna had attended a meeting at the Stanislaus Library in Modesto in which local authors presented their works. She and Hanna presented *Streams in a Thirsty Land* and sold 3 copies. She asked if we would vote to give the 11 libraries in the county, who do not have a copy of *Streams*, copies of *Streams* for their collection. The Board felt a book plate should be placed in each book saying who donated it to the library and a letter be sent in each book to the librarian telling where each community was discussed in the book. Perhaps this would stimulate more interest in the book. On motion by Pat/Michael the board approved.

Joan's email also said we had been invited by a local TV station to appear and discuss *Streams in a Thirsty Land*. Dieter will look into which TV station requested the appearance and report back to the board next month.

*B. TREASURER'S REPORT (Jeanne Endsley):*

- As of 9/30/10 we have a total ending balance of \$28,897.73 and a checking account balance of \$14,997.73 On motion by Dieter/Michael – report approved.
- \$727.60 bills paid in September: \$143.83 for library supplies; \$48.00 for insurance; \$56.53 for children's supplies – book covers; \$353.93 for children's programs; \$126.31 to Faye Gibbs for The Friends' Bookstore supplies. On motion by Cynthia/Michael paying of bills approved.

*C. MEMBERSHIP (Christine Nielsen):*

- Currently we have 245 members, memberships are still coming in.

*D. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT (Carol Blomquist):*

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:

- 166 children participated in the Find the Owl Week in September.
- 29 parents & children participated in the Making An Owl Puppet craft afternoon.
- Susan needs help with the two Halloween story times on Thursday, 10/28; a sign up sheet was sent around.

- During the Halloween Party the three library doors will be open for children to ‘trick or treat.’ The Friends Bookstore will also be open for the “trick & treaters.” Pat will notify the volunteers in the store for the scheduled times.
- Susan had 250 people at the Wakefield Literacy Fair and thanked our FOL for supplying the plastic book bags that she handed out.
- The new children’s DVD’s are checked out on a regular basis; Carol again thanked the Friends for supplying them for the library.
- We need shelf backstops in the children’s room at the back of the DVD shelves – cost about \$10.00 each, shipping for 8 is \$11.09 [See motion below]

#### TEEN PROGRAM:

- Books have been moved around the library to make room to create an area for teen books; this is becoming a popular area. We need an area rug to cover the computer wiring in this section and an area rug to ‘mark’ the teen area. Rug cost is \$244.00 and bean bag chairs are \$109.99 each (we would like to start with two teen chairs) for a total cost of \$463.98 plus tax & shipping.
- On a motion by Donna/Nancy F. we voted to purchase the chairs and rug plus 8 backings for the DVD shelves.

CIRCULATION for August at Turlock Library – was down 9.9% (3,325 items) from 8/2009 but was higher by 4,888 items than in August 2008.

WIRELESS Door Chime with Remotes has been purchased so staff can call for more help at the desk as needed.

MAGAZINE & NEWSPAPER SUBSCRIPTIONS for the library have been reduced due to budget reductions. The list we would like to have you consider purchasing for us are: *Art News*, *Entertainment Weekly*, *Discover*, *Cosmopolitan*, *USA Today* - if the Friends are able to help with these magazines & newspapers. Carol would like to know at the November meeting so the library can prepare their order.

*E. BOOK BIN COMMITTEE REPORT:* We did not receive a check for August, but received one for August & September for \$227.00 from Ritzy Ragz.

#### *F. BOOK SORTING (Sandy Mann):*

- Another book sorting will be done at HyPower before our annual Book Sale in the winter or sooner if necessary. Sandy will call the committee when the date and times are set.
- Dorothy, Christine, & Joan will cull the donated books that are at the library and set aside books appropriate for the Book Bin & The Friends’ Store

#### *G. THE FRIENDS’ BOOKSTORE - (Faye Gibbs):*

- Pat reported for the committee. The bookstore has sold approximately \$400.00 in used books in the first three weeks it has been open. This pace of sales may not continue; discussion was held on ways to have more publicity for the store.
- One suggestion was to have a photo of children and adults purchasing books in the store and ask the Journal to print it and a short story about the store. Jeanne said her grand children would help with this so we would not need signed consents.
- A few more volunteers are need to ‘man the store’ during library hours. Recruiting for more volunteers will be conducted during our annual book sale. There are now volunteer applications in the store for anyone wanting to volunteer.

#### *OLD BUSINESS:*

- COLLECTIBLE BOOKS – Peggy and Christine are continuing to work on the collectible books we have, they have been through about ½ of the books and are sorting them; then they will send out a book list to book dealers to see if any are interested in any of the books. Several collectible books have been sold in *The Friends’ Bookstore*. Consideration has been made to have some books given to an auctioneer for sale.

*NEW BUSINESS:* None

*MEETING ADJOURNED:*

On motion by Michael/Ann the meeting was adjourned @ 8:05 Next meeting @ 7 PM on Wednesday November 3, 2010

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hickman, Secretary