

Library Advisory Board  
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July 11, 2013, 4:30 p.m.  
Modesto Library Conference Room  
1500 I Street, Modesto, CA 95354

Present: Dorothy Finnegan for Joan Ahlstrand, Dede Baker, Sheridan Beuving, Vanessa Czopek, Pamela Floyd, Phillip Gaines, Sue Henderson, Vicki Peitz, Joanne Stewart, Joshua Vander Veen, and Katie Wells.

- I. Call to Order, Welcome & Introductions – Chairman Sheridan Beuving called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m. and introductions were made.
- II. Approval of Minutes for April 11, 2013 – Motion by Sue Henderson, Second by Joshua Vander Veen, unanimous Approval.
- III. Public Comment – none.
- IV. Old Business - Revised By-Laws were approved by the Board of Supervisors and are available on-line.
- V. New Business
  - A. County Librarian’s Report – Vanessa Czopek
    1. Summer Reading Program includes a Day of Play at each of the branches. It has been very popular. Modesto had approximately 250 young children show up for the games. The Tween age group is new this year. The Summer Reading Program ends 8/5/13 so we don’t have the final number of participants.
    2. Community Novel is coming next year so spread the word! 20 authors will be solicited beginning October and selected to each write one chapter of a book. We are working on a checklist with minimum qualifications authors must meet to be considered. The authors will collectively decide on the type of book from a set of parameters. There will be an editor and chapters will be put on line and read aloud. The book will be published when all 20 chapters are complete. In November 2014 there will be a Foundation fundraiser event at the Gallo Center and author Daniel Handler (Lemony Snicket) will be the guest speaker, it will also be the community novel author reception.

- B. Quarterly Statistics – Vanessa reported the June 2013 quarterly reports are not yet available because of fiscal year end. Vanessa will bring both the June quarter and September quarter reports to the October meeting.
  - C. Budget Presentation – Business Manager Vicki provided two pie charts showing the breakdown for the FY 2013-204 Proposed Budget Expenditures and Revenues (attached). Since Expenditures exceed Revenues a \$429,933 deficit exists. This shortfall will be covered using prior year savings, also known as Fund Balance. Vicki gave a brief overview of the county budget process and noted opportunities for making adjustments to the budget at Final Budget (July), 1<sup>st</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Reports (October & March respectively) and Mid-Year Budget (January).
- VI. Correspondence – None.
- VII. Announcements
- A. The Foundation is having a fun, family, fundraising event on August 18<sup>th</sup> at John Thurman Field. Sam Regalado from Stan State is the guest speaker. Mr. Regalado has authored books about diversity and baseball. There will be an auction and one lucky winner will throw out the 1<sup>st</sup> pitch. This event is replacing the Author Gala event done in the past. The Foundation is down a few members and is currently recruiting for new members.
  - B. Our Literacy Program has a wait list of 2 months and needs volunteers for tutors. Stanislaus Literacy Center are the only ones providing GED classes in the County.
  - C. The Facilities and Technology Needs Study has been bumped to Fiscal Year 2014-2015. The Library did not receive the grant that would have paid for half of the study. Next fiscal year meetings will most likely be held for stakeholders to come up with priorities and workable solutions.
- VIII. Future Topics – Vanessa asked if there is an interest to learn about the different Library functions. The group requested a list of programs and services to choose from such as how e-books are doing and home delivery services. Vanessa will put together a list to bring to the October meeting to discuss.
- IX. Next meeting date is October 10, 2013, 4:30 – 5:30 p.m.
- X. Adjournment – Chairman Beuving adjourned the meeting at 5:15 p.m.