



Friends of the Modesto Library
Board of Directors Meeting
December 2, 2015
Modesto Library Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by President Christine Brereton.

Directors present: Cathie Peck, Christine Brereton, Judy Pierce, Pam Pallios, Anne Britton, Jonaca Driscoll, Ellen Dambrosio, Cande Brody, Jean Haven

Absent: Barbara Quinn

Michael Leamy, Modesto Library Manager

Kristine Ezovski, The Little Shop Manager

Minutes of the September 1, 2015 meeting were approved as corrected.

REPORTS

Membership: Ellen Dambrosio

Ellen will be sending reminders out the beginning of January asking members to renew their memberships, and encouraging those whose memberships have lapsed to join for the coming year. Ellen has been very creative in the reminders she sends out 4x a year giving former members a chance to rejoin. Giving a FOML membership as a gift, or mentioning that a donation can be made along with the membership fee was suggested as a way to increase membership.

Treasurer's Report: Jonaca Driscoll

September 1, 2015 - November 30, 2015

U. S. Bank Checking: \$25,043.60

U. S. Bank Savings: \$1,707.11

Bank of America: \$4,529.72

Anne shared that FOML has \$31,280.46 in cash assets.

The income easiest to obtain is from grocery scrip programs. It was suggested that we mention this in the next newsletter.

Little Shop: Kristine Ezovski

3 month report 9/1/2015-11/30/15 - \$7.00 loss

6 month report 7/1/2015-11/30/2015 - \$176.50 profit

Reasons for the drop in income were discussed, and it was decided that the shop's location behind the cubicles makes it difficult to notice. Placing large footprints or

a Yellow Brick Road on the floor of the library leading to The Little Shop were suggested. Michael said there were plans in the future to relocate the shop into the lobby area.

An oversight committee of Anne, Christine, Barbara, Kristine, and Pam will meet to discuss improving marketing, purchasing, and public awareness for the shop. Michael suggested that we need a realistic idea of what to expect as a return from The Little Shop.

Librarian's Report: Michael Leamy

1. Halloween Parade, Python Ron, and the Goosebumps Movie were a big success. Michael thanked FOML for the prizes.
2. Adult programs offered were estate planning, college financial planning, and coloring for adults
3. Veterans Connect program helps veterans learn of benefits available through the Veterans Administration and Cal Vet
4. Coming up:
 - Ninja Week with buttons and stickers
 - Glow-in-the-Dark story time with bracelets and beach balls
 - Toddler dance party
 - Star Wars Week
 - Maze Runners movie

President's Report: Christine Brereton

Christine inquired if it is possible for an endowment to be given directly to the Modesto Branch of the Stanislaus County Library. Michael said that this was possible, and others attending noted that an endowment could be made directly to FOML. Christine will pursue her contact in hopes of getting this arranged.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Two new Board Members, Jean Haven and Candace Brody, were introduced.

ACTION: Motion to approve Jean Haven as Secretary and Candace Brody as Director-at-Large was made by Anne and seconded by Ellen. Passed unanimously.

2. Michael presented his expectations of his requests for the July 2016-17 budget. His three top priorities of the nine listed were the following:
 - a. benches or stools for Children's Dept. to replace those which were breaking.
 - b. money to help Modesto Staff attend CLA (California Library Association) conference in Sacramento, 2016. He feels this will energize the staff and give them a chance to think about what they do, not just do it.
 - c. Yule Ball and Harry Potter event which is a dance for older children.The nine items on his request list totaled \$16,400.

ACTION: Ellen moved and Jonaca seconded the motion to approve Michael's request for a commitment of \$16,400 to the library for the 2016-2017 year, barring any unforeseen circumstances. Passed unanimously.

3. The meeting of representatives from the Friends groups of each of the Stanislaus County Library branches will be held in the spring with the agenda to be set.

4. Fundraisers

- Fancy Nancy Tea in Los Gatos was reported on by Christine. Because of the low turnout and the high cost of the tickets (\$40), she does not recommend it as an option for us.
- Grant money application was recommended at a conference Christine attended as the easiest way of getting funds.
- Kohl Cares sponsored by Kohl's provides their staff to assist in your fundraiser and also donates money. Judy Pierce will contact Kohl's to learn more.
- 7-Eleven supports community causes.

5. Nominating Committee consisting of Christine, Jonaca, and Pam will present a slate of candidates for election to the Board at the February 24, 2016 meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Halloween Parade on Oct. 28, 2015 was a big success with 155 participants (children and adults)

2. Scholastic Book Fair - Anne reported that the total proceeds value from the sale was \$3493.87, with many community outreach programs benefiting. Anne has donated her time and energy for years organizing the Scholastic Book Fair, and will be stepping down, but has a replacement in mind.

She reported that Friends of the Modesto Library have been selected again to host the 1/2 Off Scholastic warehouse sale this spring. With the consensus of the board, Anne will arrange it.

3. Imagination Library - Cathie reported on the Imagination Library of Stanislaus READS!. She is a "champion" for Burbank School and signs up children to get a book a month from birth until 3rd grade.

Anne reported on a conversation with Amanda Hughes from Stanislaus READS! regarding a planned book drive. The children's books being collected will be stored in Patterson and the on-going distribution will start in August. A bag of books from our Scholastic Book Fair was donated to Stanislaus READS!.

4. FOML General Meeting will be held March 2, 2016 in the Library Auditorium with Amanda Hughes as the guest speaker.

CALENDAR

January 15, 2016: Newsletter deadline to Anne

February 24, 2016: March Quarterly Board Meeting

March 2, 2016: FOML General Meeting

April 30, 2016: Dia de los Ninos/Libros

May 7, 2016: Used Book Sale (8:00A.M. to 3:00 P.M.)

May 2016: Scholastic Book Sale: Date to be announced.

AGENDA for next meeting:**Election of officers/board**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted on February 24, 2016

Jean Haven, Secretary