



Friends of the Modesto Library  
General Membership Meeting  
March 20, 2015  
Modesto Library

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by President Christine Brereton.

Directors present: Ellen Dambrosio, Christine Brereton, Kathy Johnson, Jonaca Driscoll, Anne Britton, Susan Hannah, Cathie Peck, Barbara Quinn

Directors absent: Judy Pierce

Guests: Susan Lilly, Joanne Smith, George Smith, Diane McDonnell, RJ Mariconi, Michael Leamy, Jean Haven, Pam Pallios, Renate Glinskas, Joanne Meinhardt, Clare Noonan

Minutes of the March 3<sup>rd</sup> meeting are being revised.

**Librarian's Report: Michael Leamy:**

- Michael once again thanked the FOML for continued monetary support.
- Reported that from July to the present over 550,000 items were checked out from the library and 15,000 new items purchased.
- Suggested that each of the members of FOML introduce new friends to the library.

**President's Report: Christine Brereton**

1-Following are some highlights and events the Modesto Library achieved, with the help of FOML:

March--Cooking program and Scrapbooking Workshop.

April--Dia de los Ninos/Libros was attended by 850 people. FOML donated \$1000 for supplies and 375 books were distributed to children.

May--Used Book Sale made \$3270.96 which was matched by The Beard Family Companies for a total of \$6541.92. Scholastic ½ Off New Book for Kids netted \$1000 from Scholastic, \$52.00 in cash donations and 391 books worth \$1289.17.

June--\$17,215 in Library requests

- \*Library Collections-\$5000
- \*Dia de los Ninos/Libros-\$1000
- \*Adult Programming support- \$1,500
- \*Library Equipment-\$2,000
- \*Donated \$2,400 to Save Stanislaus Libraries

July--\$200 donated for books given to children at the Stanislaus County Fair

October—Donated \$100 to buy cookies, paper goods and gift cards presented at the Halloween Parade.

November—Scholastic Book Fair-Received credit amounting to \$1611.11 to make purchases for the library. Over \$900 in books were distributed to 8 local agencies through generous donations.

2- Christine recognized FOML champions:

- \*Dittos for print donations including FOML Newsletters
- \*Beard Land Improvement Co for warehouse space and matching grant for the used book sale.
- \*O'Brien's, Raleys and Save Mart for affinity card programs.
- \*Omega Nu's generous support for the Dinner Theatre program.

3-Christine recognized FOML heroes:

- \*Clare Noonan for editing the quarterly newsletter
- \*Susan Windemuth for newsletter layout
- \*Sheri Darrough as FOML webmaster
- \*Kristine Ezovski as volunteer General Manager of the Little Shop

**Treasurer's Report: Jonaca Driscoll**

Pay Pal - \$1095.64

Little Shop Bank of America: \$4,605.51

FOML checking: \$31,965.40

FOML Savings: \$1707.05

**Membership: Ellen Dambrosio**

Membership renewals are lacking as Ellen continues to reach out to past members.

**ACTION: Motion to accept the slate of officers to take office on July 1 was made by Anne and seconded by Ellen. Passed unanimously**

**Officers**

President-Christine Brereton

Vice President-Pam Pallios

Secretary- Susan Hannah

Treasurer-Jonaca Driscoll

**Directors:**

Membership-Ellen Dambrosio

Activities-Barbara Quinn

Past President-Judy Pierce

Past President-Anne Britton

At Large-Cathie Peck

Old Business:

Anne explained how each of the different organizations serve the library:

1- FOML are responsible for what happens at the Modesto Library.

2- Stanislaus Library Foundation supports all 13 branches

3- Advisory Committee- The Library Advisory Board, appointed by the County Supervisors, acts in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian.

4- The Save Stanislaus Library proposition to affirm the 1/8 of a percent sales tax levy passed in 2012 and pays 90% of the library operation. In 2017, the voting population will be asked once again to renew the tax which needs a 2/3 majority vote. The campaign is starting now. FOML members agreed it is a good idea to continue to donate to this measure.

Guest speaker County Librarian Diane McDonnell:

1-She wants patrons who come through the door to have positive feelings and the library continues to work for innovations.

2- The library personnel continue to work on grant writing:

- \*There will be an enclosed space with comfortable seating.

- \*Veterans will be able to connect at the Library Resource Center.

- \* Staff training grant

- \*More technology

- \*Children outreach grant through WIC Center to educate children and parents

3- Changes in the future:

- \*Covered beverages allowed in the library

- \*Work to eliminate smoking on the portico.

- \*Farther down the road, move the circulation desk to make the library entry more manageable.

**Calendar:**

June 3<sup>rd</sup>: Board of Directors meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted on June 3, 2015

Susan Hannah

Secretary