



Friends of the Modesto Library  
General Membership Meeting  
March 10, 2017  
Modesto Library

Meeting was called to order at 6:05 by President Maree Hawkins.

Officers and Directors present: Anne Britton, Christine Brereton, Cande Brody, Ellen Dambrosio, Jonaca Driscoll, Pat Glattke, Jean Haven, Maree Hawkins, Denise Nordell, Pam Pallios, Carmen Pedrioli, and Barbara Quinn

Directors absent: Cathie Peck

Michael Leamy, Modesto Library Manager

Guests: Kathi Cohn, Claudia Sargent, Robin Russell, Hugh Brereton, Olga Cardenas, Susan Lilly, Beverly Schlezell, Stella Beratlis, Gillian Wegener, and R.J. Moriconi

Presidents Maree Hawkins and Denise Nordell introduced themselves and welcomed everyone.

### **Our Year in Review**

Maree shared some of the many activities that FOML has supported this year including the children's programs such as the Hogswort's Ball, Dia de los Niños/Libros, and the Halloween Parade party. Maree also reported that The Little Shop will be closing since the space it is now using will be needed for office expansion. She thanked Susan Windemuth who is responsible for newsletter layout and Sheri Darrough, our Webmaster, for all their help in making FOML news available to the community.

### **Olga Cardenas, Youth Services Outreach Librarian**

Jonaca introduced Olga Cardenas, recently selected as one of the Ten Outstanding Librarians in the country. Olga has given her \$5,000 prize, and with the additional money donated by Modesto Toyota and its corporate office, funds are available to finance a library for incarcerated youth at Juvenile Hall and the Juvenile Justice Center. Olga shared that the book clubs that she and two other volunteers have started there are really making a positive impact in the lives of the youth.

## **Election of Board Officers and Directors for 2017-18**

Denise presented the Nominating Committee's proposed slate of officers for the term July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018.

Co-Presidents: Maree Hawkins and Denise Nordell

Vice-President: Pam Pallios

Secretary: Jean Haven

Treasurer: Jonaca Driscoll

Directors-at-Large: Christine Brereton, Anne Britton, Cande Brody, Ellen Dambrosio, Pat Glattke, Barbara Quinn, Cathie Peck, Carmen Pedrioli

**R. J. Moriconi moved that the proposed slate of officers and directors be elected by acclamation. Motion was seconded by Anne Britton and passed unanimously.**

## **Treasurer's Report: Jonaca Driscoll**

March 1, 2016 - February 28, 2017

Expenses: \$ 17,884.02

Income: \$ 15,060.35

Total assets as of 2/28/17 \$18,035.79

## **Library Manager's Report: Michael Leamy**

Michael thanked FOML for their money, enthusiasm, and support through the years. He is sad not to be working with the Friends in the future because a Modesto Library Branch Supervisor is being hired so Michael can devote his time to overseeing all thirteen branches. Michael is particularly appreciative this year of FOML's making possible the Rosemary Wells visit, the donation of \$1,000 of new books for the children's department, and the purchase of lighter, collapsing, portable tables which are making the librarians' lives much easier.

## **Library Tax Campaign Update and Call for FOML Endorsement**

Denise reminded everyone that the 1/8 cent library tax renewal initiative will appear on the November ballot. Speakers' Bureau scheduling has begun, and community helpers are needed. Literature was available to register as a supporter/volunteer/contributor.

A motion was made by Christine Brereton and seconded by Barbara Quinn that we adopt the following resolution:

*Shall the Friends of the Modesto Library officially endorse the November 2017 ballot measure to continue the 1/8-cent sales tax dedicated to the funding of the Stanislaus County Libraries for a period of 12 years and contribute \$3,000 toward the campaign?*

The positive vote was unanimous.

## **Upcoming events**

1. Rosemary Wells - Anne reported on the upcoming Rosemary Wells visit to Modesto on April 3rd at the Modesto Library at 11:15 and the Peterson Event Center

at 6:30 p.m. She will do a reading, a book signing, and present a workshop for parents, teachers, and caregivers on practical skills that support school readiness.

2. Dia de los Niños/Libros will take place April 1, 2017 - This event celebrates children and books. In addition to a free book for each child attending, there will be a bilingual story time and crafts. Anne was thanked for all her work through the years in making this event possible.

3. Used Book Sale - Pat Glatke reported that books are being collected and sorted in preparation for the Used Book Sale to be held on May 6, 2017. Donations can be brought to the library, but it is requested that you call Pat or Maree to make sure they are aware the books are for FOML's sale. There was a sign-up for volunteers.

4. Scholastic Books Discount Sale, sponsored by FOML, will be held from May 10 - 13, 2017 with great deals on all new books. Volunteers and a chairperson are needed.

Kathi Cohn, Member of the Stanislaus Library Foundation, shared that the 2015-2016 Stanislaus County Library Annual Report was available, highlighting the growth of the library and its programs.

#### **CALENDAR**

April 1, 2017	Dia de los Niños/Libros
April 3, 2017	Rosemary Wells visit
May 6, 2017	Used Book Sale
May 10 - May 13, 2017	Scholastic Books Discount Sale
June 7, 2016	FOML Quarterly Board Meeting

#### **PROGRAM - Stella Beratlis - Modesto's 7th Poet Laureate 2016-2018**

##### **Gillian Wegener - Modesto's 6th Poet Laureate 2012-2016**

Stella and Gillian explained how Modesto selects its poet laureates, and mentioned some of the events where they have been asked to share their poetry. They started the Modesto-Stanislaus Poetry Center, a nonprofit organization dedicated to poets and poetry throughout our community. Stella and Gillian each read poems which were enjoyed by all.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

A social time began at 5:30 with refreshments arranged by Barbara Quinn. A raffle followed the meeting where gifts from the Little Shop were given away.

Respectfully submitted on June 7, 2017

Jean Haven, Secretary