

FRIENDS OF THE PATTERSON LIBRARY MINUTES
August 11, 2014

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order by Treasurer, Sue Henderson, who was filling in for President, Peter La Torre, at 2:35 PM in the library conference room.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Sue Henderson, Judy Mullins, Donna Miller, Librarian, Wayne Philbrook, and guest, Pat Portwood, President of the Stanislaus County Library Foundation

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE

MINUTES: The minutes of the May 12, 2014 meeting were read and approved as read.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treas., Sue Henderson, reported that the balance as of May 12, 2014 was \$2,760.65. After expenses and deposits, the balance as of August 11, 2014 is \$3,319.07. This does not include the cash box of \$80 and the CD of \$2,311.46. We had a bounced check from the spring book sale for a total of \$33.00. We're doing very well with the book carousel for the Marilynne Memorial Fund. After the \$500 scholarship and donations plus the book carousel, we have a balance of \$990.32. There was discussion about what to do with the excess of \$500 for a scholarship for next year. Donna made a motion that the excess money above the \$500 for a scholarship each year, that the remainder of the money go to the library funds. Motion was seconded by Judy and passed.

GUEST SPEAKER: Pat Portwood, President of the Stanislaus County Library Foundation, a retired educator and a member of the Turlock Friends of the Library, came to tell us more about the Library Foundation. It was organized in 1994 and raises funds for all 13 branch libraries in the county. The Foundation gave \$35,000 for the summer reading program and \$10,000 for e-books this year. They also buy children's books. The Foundation has 3 ways of raising funds:

1. Mail campaign in which they ask for donations from the community.
2. Special events such as an upcoming program with Daniel Handler

GUEST SPEAKER (continued):

(A.K.A. Lemony Snicket) at the Gallo Center on November 16, 2014 at 2:00 PM.

3. Business Partners in which they solicit donors from various businesses in the community.

Gifts of \$5,000 and above, are recognized with a 12x12 tile installed at the Modesto Library and donors under \$5,000 are recognized with a 6x6 tile. Other recognition events are held throughout the year at local libraries. She said the Foundation's goal is to raise \$100,000 per year. Friday, August 22, 2014, the Library Foundation is sponsoring a thank you Party at the Library to say thank you to friends groups, businesses, etc. for supporting the libraries. It will be held at the Modesto Library at 5:30 PM. It will be a time to meet Diane McDonald, the new county librarian, who is going to speak, and community authors.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Wayne reported that the summer reading program was very successful with over 200 participants and the children's prizes and the basket prizes were very popular.

Also, the community back-to-school block party was a huge success. Wayne ran out of children's books he was giving away.

He is weeding out old books in the library to make room for new ones. The teen furniture is in place and looks very nice. They will also be getting some new furniture for the courtyard. All construction is finished and the area will be getting pressure washed Friday, August 15, 2014.

Wayne had no requests at this time. He's got some things he's working on but needs to do some more research before he submits a request.

EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT: James Furze from Scout Troop 81 gave a presentation about his upcoming Eagle Scout project, which is a city wide yard sale/clean up recycling day to be held in the north park. He came to ask if the Friends of the Library would like to have a booth/table at this event for people to drop off books for our book sales. It will be October 25, 2014 from 7:00 AM to 4:00 PM. We would need 1 or 2 people to "man" the booth. Sue told him that since several of our members are out of town and not at this meeting, we will have to get back to him. He needs to know as soon as possible in order to get the advertisements out.

BOOK SALE REPORT: No report as Trudy, book sale chairperson, was out of town.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Sue said we received several thank-you notes. One was from Kayla Santana, who was the recipient of the Marilynne Memorial Scholarship for this year. Another one was from Barbara Coelho, who had been asked to speak at the library. We also received a certificate and thank you for our support for various events from Olga Cardenas who was our previous librarian. Sue also read a thank-you from PRIDE for our participation in the scholarship program.

OLD BUSINESS: Judy brought up a previous discussion about having a third book sale during the year, possibly in January. There was discussion and it was decided that it would not be feasible to have a third sale. Donna said that we probably don't have enough advertisement for our book sales. She said we should advertise on Booksale.com. There was more discussion about advertising and it was thought that we need a person to do publicity/advertisement.

NEW BUSINESS: None

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at approximately 3:30 PM to sort books although only 3 members were present. No students from the high school came to help sort. Next meeting is September 8, 2014 at 2:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Judy Mullins, Secretary