

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting
3 December 2014

Board Members Present: Diane Bartlett (Turlock Regional Librarian, *ex officio*), Linda Davenport, Jeanne Endsley, Phyllis Frasier, Michael Fuller, Carmen Ingols, Gity Miller, Hal Owens, Jackie Oyer and Pat Portwood.

Guests Present: Joan Ahlstrand, Pat Hickman, Sandy Mann, Dieter Renning, Hanna Renning and Jayne Smith.

Call to Order: Jeanne Endsley called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes: Hal moved; Gity seconded: The minutes were approved with a couple of corrections.

Reports:

President: Jeanne informed the Board that Brooks had submitted a request for funds to Off-Center on the Friends' behalf. She then went on to announce that they had given us \$2000. Brooks wowed them with cookies and brownies in appreciation.

Treasurer: Carmen reported that income during the last month had been \$2356.38 and expenses had totaled \$131.51, bringing our checking balance to \$28,000.73. Our CD remains at \$7,296.97. Carmen had received three bills: (a) from Olga for \$26.56 for the ABC "graduation"; (b) from Michelle for \$35.46, for books; (c) from Phyllis for \$63.78 for the newsletter, postcards and posters. Joan's sign project through All-Star Trophy will cost approximately \$280 plus tax. The Board had already approved that expenditure. The American Library Association Membership costs \$80. Insurance (already approved) is \$600. Jackie moved, and Michael seconded that all outstanding bills be paid. Approved.

Librarian: Diane thanked the Board for its warm welcome and the support it has given to the Turlock Library and the community.

She reported that 20 children crafted their own Thankful Trees | 50 kids made Lego creations from our monthly Lego Day now on display | 15 teens/tweens designed their own art with Perler Beads | 15 children from the Turlock ABC Project held their "graduation" in the library with a presentation and story time with Olga | 15 members discussed the book *Blue Heaven* at the monthly meeting of the Turlock Library Book Club | 10 attended a presentation by Jim Sanders, World War II veteran.

Upcoming attractions include: Michelle, the children's librarian, is making plans to increase programming for children. From December 1 through 13 there will be the 'snowball' guessing jar; December 9 is a snowman craft (door hanger), and December 30 is Lego Day. They've decided to expand, using the current 4 PM timeslot on Tuesdays, so that there is a program every Tuesday. January programs will include paper bag puppets, craft-a-palooza, soctopus, and Lego Day. | 1000 books before Kindergarten is coming, and Michelle will attend a future FOTPL meeting to discuss it. | Jeff and Diane are planning programs for adults. On January 26 at 6 PM people can learn how to download the library's ebooks onto their devices. They will also take appointments for individual help with the library app, Hoopla, Zinio and Mango. |

Diane along with other library staff is taking Staff Innovation Fund training to enable them to write grants. They are looking for ideas that might cost between \$2000 and \$5000 *and for partners*. | They are already planning for the summer reading program. It will have a superheroes theme: Every Hero Has a Story (children), Unmask (teens), Escape the Ordinary (adult). The Turlock Library wants to have a big summer reading kickoff with special activities, food, etc. They hope to use FOTPL money to do this. We are hoping the FOTPL will donate a book a week from the bookstore as prizes for the adults in the summer reading program. We could add a note to their review form to say that they get an extra entry if they attend a Friends' meeting (or program for adults).

Diane pointed out the nutcracker display in the lobby. The owner has four nutcrackers to donate, and she wanted to know whether FOTPL wanted to sponsor? | Another project they are working on is moving the information desk. They're also looking for ideas to manage the lines.

The Library's wish list includes a movie license—costs pending and a whiteboard for the teen area (\$149.99 + tax + s/H?). | They also need amplifiers (\$150 for a Bluetooth ready one at Costco) for the children's department.

The 49/99 System is no longer funding book clubs. One needs about 15 books for each title; average cost for each copy is \$8: an entire box for \$200. But one needs more than just one title. Food for thought!

Membership: Hal said that there had been no new renewals. There is a total of 119 renewed memberships, with 140 members. Hal passed out charts showing individual, family and lifetime memberships for 2012, 2013 and 2014 (through November 30). Phone duty for renewals was postponed until at least January. Other months were bandied about. Pat P. suggested that we continue to focus on our purpose: members want to know what their money is going toward.

Foundation: The community novel has been published; it sells for \$13! She sold a few copies. She also reported that the Daniel Handler event netted the Foundation only a little more than a third of the \$10,000 hoped for.

Newsletter: The next newsletter will come out in February. Deadline for articles is February 1. Pat P. suggested this issue focus on the new librarians at the Turlock Library.

Book Sale: Hanna reported that Donna Oppelt is rounding up folks to help box up books at the end of the sale. She also said Phyllis had had the posters printed up. Sorting will take place on January 6. The Seattle bookseller has agreed to help us out with the leftover books if no one else is interested, but the situation is still in flux.

Old Business:

Calendars: The calendars had not arrived by meeting time. Fifty-five had been ordered, but they had to be backordered.

New Business: Joan asked us to think very seriously about fundraisers. Perhaps an annual event? Such as a tea such as ABC does; a 5/10K or doggie-dash; a golf tournament; a booth at the fair; a murder mystery?

Adjournment: There being no new business, at 8:13 Michael moved that we adjourn. Phyllis seconded the motion. Passed.

Next Meeting: 7 January 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Turlock Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller