

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
7 December 2016
6:30 – 8:00 PM, Turlock Library

Board Members Present: Diane Bartlett (Turlock Regional Librarian, *ex officio*), Michael Fuller, Pat Hickman, Carmen Ingols, Barbara Jensen, Brooks Judd, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, Dieter Renning, Pat Rubalcava, Mike Seifert, Sabra Stafford and Barbara Wells

Others Present: Joan Ahlstrand, Dorothy Finnegan, Hanna Renning and Jayne Smith

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

Minutes: It was moved and seconded that the minutes of the September meeting be approved. No one voted *nay*.

Reports:

President: First Book: the fund drive at dd's permitted us to send a box of books to three different schools. | HeyTurlock (they seem to have an identity crisis because they sometimes use *hey/turlock*): Diane had already reported on this, a technology-based community bulletin board for Turlock and nearby communities. The cost to "belong" is \$200/year for nonprofits, but the fee is waived if we join before December 31. It evidently accepts only gif-formatted items (i.e., no pdf). It might be great for advertising the tax issue. We will revisit this issue in January. | Carmen moved that we accept Dorothy Finnegan's offer if \$1000 for the *Star Wars* Collection, with that sum going to the building fund. | A \$100 donation was made to something the building fund. Approved. | The accountant we use did the wrong form (because of our added income for the building fund) — a major mistake — found, of course, by the IRS. We owe \$880! The accountant wants an additional fee to straighten out the mess. We discussed several other possible accountants, including ones that work *pro bono* for certain nonprofits and one that works almost exclusively for nonprofits. We'll pass this information on to Linda. Accepted. | Pat H. moved, seconded by Pat P., that we designate 20 percent of the book sale net to the building fund. Passed.

Treasurer: Linda had submitted her report showing that income during the month of November was \$220.00 while expenses totaled a mere \$34.53, bringing our checking balance up to \$15,120.00. Our CD remains at \$7329.11. There are two Library Building Fund CDs, one for \$25,195.29 and another for \$30,000. The Library Building Fund money market account received a deposit of \$100, bringing that total to \$10,572.69. There was neither question nor comment, so we accepted the report.

Membership: Mike said that during November two individuals renewed their memberships. Grand total of membership now reads: Individual 38, Family 15, Life 42¹, for a total of 95. | Mike also reported that some individuals have expressed interest in volunteering in the bookstore or at the book sale.

Foundation: Pat reported that the tax campaign needs to raise \$17- to \$20,000 for the mail campaign if we hope to prevail in June. The campaign is still about \$80,000 short of the \$150,000 needed. There will be a kick-off event at the Carnegie Center on January 7 for individuals willing to pay \$50. It has still not been determined whether we're going for five, eight or 12 years. | She also reported that the summer

¹ Dorothy Finnegan has been a lifetime member since 2012 and was somehow missing from the 2016 membership list, an error which has been corrected.

Gala funds the Summer Reading Program, some ebooks, tutoring and books-in-a-box for incarcerated young people (Olga's project). | There will be a meeting on our building fund on January 11.

Newsletter: The November newsletter was sent out ... in November (what a concept!).

Librarian: Messy is in this month. The kids had lots of fun making 'snow' yesterday (with baking soda, shaving cream and glitter). They will be painting rocks on Tuesday the 13th and making snowflakes on Tuesday the 20th. There will be a Sensory Play Day (with water beads, Play-Doh®, fabric board, etc.) on Wednesday December 14th at 10. The Fratello Marionettes will be here on Wednesday the 28th at 3 PM, thanks to the Friends. | Story time will resume on Wednesday, January 4, 2017. | If you plan to be at Vintage Fair Mall on Friday, December 16 at 6 PM, you may witness a 'holiday read-aloud surprise', as volunteers join Santa in reading "The Night Before Christmas." This event is brought to the community by the Stanislaus Library Children's Department and Vintage Fair Mall. Come see Diane if you want to be one of those volunteers. | All libraries in the county will be closed Friday, December 23 through Monday, December 26. They will also be closed Monday, January 2, but they will be open regular hours on Saturday, December 31.

Old Business

Book Sale: There was no report on the book sale.

New Business: There was no new business.

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 4, 2017, at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: At 7:19 PM Michael moved and Brooks seconded the motion that the meeting be adjourned. Absolutely no one protested.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller, recording secretary,