

FRIENDS of the TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING of the BOARD of DIRECTORS

MINUTES

February 10, 2010

CALL to ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 7:05 pm by Nancy Jewett, Pres. In attendance were Board Members: Nancy Jewett, Pres.; Susan Helm-Lauber, Treasurer; Michael Fuller, Anne Krabach, Christine Nielsen, Dieter Renning, & Jeanne Endsley Also in attendance: Hanna Renning, Joan Ahlstrand, Carol Blomquist, Turlock Public Librarian, Vanessa Czopek, County Librarian, Peggy Smurr, Dorothy Finnegan, Faye Gibbs and J. Carlyle Parker.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

- On motion by Dieter/Susan the minutes were approved as corrected. Corrections: Treasurer's report, last paragraph spelling change from "access" to "excess".

REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Nancy Jewett*

- Nancy passed the mail received : Item 1: Stanislaus County Library events for February 2010, Item 2: Annual community conference in January, Item 3: Conventions & Visitors Bureau, an update for clubs and organizations to be completed & returned. Susan also reported that she did receive approval (by internet vote) to move the funds to F& M Bank and the accounts have been moved to two new "CD's"

COUNTY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: *Vanessa Czopek*

- Vanessa asked to be placed on the agenda at this point because of a prior obligation which requires her to leave our meeting early.

- Vanessa handed out our library branch profile as of 08/09. This profile gives the history of the library in addition to our (the friends of the library) contributions of \$35,000 from our inception to 1998.

- The Library Foundation is also looking for a member from the Turlock area. If we have any suggestions please let Vanessa know the persons name and information.

- We will be receiving an invitation for the annual Friends of the Library meeting on March 13th, each friends group can send 4 people. The county council will be in attendance at this meeting to answer any questions that the friends groups have.

- Election "YES FOR LIBRARY 2012" campaign is open. Scott Monday & Bev Finely are co-chairs. Vanessa would like a list of some community groups to speak to about the library. Please give the contact information to Carol Blomquist and she will forward on to Vanessa.

- The Shining Stars recognition will be April 17th at the Salida Library. The Library foundation is seeking nominations please forward your input to Carol Blomquist.

- Nancy Jewett and Vanessa Czopek will be speaking to the Turlock City Council on March 9th, in addition Carol Blomquist will also attend. They will present information about our library to the council.

TREASURER'S REPORT: *Susan Helm-Lauber*

- December and January reports were handed out.
- \$5,137.00 was deposited for two days of the book sale. The third day will show up in February's report.
- Two cd's have been transferred to F& M bank. In regards to the \$6800.00 cd which is the Gallison fund, a check for the interest will be written to the Stanislaus county Library in the amount of \$269.52 (interest earned) and these funds will go to purchase gardening books.
- There are three bills to be paid: \$269.52 for the interest mentioned above, 15.16 to Susan Helm-Lauber (card stock for the book sale), \$5.41 To Joan Ahlstrand (tape for boxes, book sale)
- When opening the CD's at F&M Bank, checking account information was given. The bank (F&M) will waive any monthly service charge we receive and will review this every 6 months, there is no minimum balance requirement. We have a small amount of checks left from our BofA account, maybe we should think about moving our checking account. Some discussion regarding the move was held and it was decided to table this until we had to order more checks.
- Dieter made a motion to accept the treasurer's report and Michael Fuller seconded. Approved by all.

MEMBERSHIP: *Christine Nielsen:* 269 paid members.

- 10 new members at the book sale. Christine is keeping track on a ledger now to see when people are joining.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: *Carol Blomquist*

I (Jeanne) have requested a copy of Carol's report, unfortunately I cannot locate in my records.

BOOK BIN: *Joan Ahlstrand*

- Waiting for the move to another location. Joan asked for volunteers to help when we are told by Ritzy rags that we can move our location. Harrison has offered to move the light when needed. There will also be a time coming up where help will be needed to price books. Hopefully we can move the month because our inventory is small as we await the move.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT: *Dieter and Pat*

With the book sale and illnesses nothing has been done yet. According to the bylaws a review needs to be done one month before the June meeting. Pat was not able to attend but did send in suggestions to Dieter who will review with Pat. There was a brief discussion about renewal times but this was discontinued until next months meeting.

SCHOOL OUTREACH COMMITTEE: *Joan Ahlstrand reporting for Jack Williams*

- Currently working on finishing walnut which should be done by the end of the month. One more school to visit which would be Medeiros and then all of the elementary schools are done. At that time, we will need to decide if we start all over again with the schools already visited.

ANNUAL BOOK SALE: *Hanna Renning, Chair*

- A "Thank You" letter draft was sent around for review.
- The Total money received from our book sale is \$5,280.60 gross. 2009 Total was \$4,272.15 . We are very excited
- Hanna mentioned that Peggy, Sandy and Susan held a follow - up meeting to discuss what went well and where we can improve.
- The Modesto Friends of the library were at our sale to observe how we operate our sale. They will be having their sale on May 1st and did take some of our remaining books in addition to Salida.
- The transfer from Hi-Power to the church went quicker than in the past. There were 10 SUV & Trucks that helped.
- We had the help of four Teen Challenge men for the unloading and loading of the books.
- Peggy had kept a map of the table set up from last year and the entire set up took one hour quicker than last year.
- On Thursday, there were at least 15 people helping in placing the books onto tables. It was noted that the videos were not in good order.
- Book dealers came from as far away as Salt Lake City and Nevada City. There were about a dozen dealers. It was noted that the dealers were very rude and the board needs to consider: 1. not to advertise on the internet 2. Before the doors open give a lecture on etiquette 3. Obtain VIP's in uniform to supervise (VIP volunteer). It was brought up to have a sign posted in several locations about expectations of customers. This will be brought up at a follow up meeting for the committee with a tentative date in March to be set.
- Sandy asked how many red coupons were turned in when books bought. She had passed out 10 or more and only 3 or 4 were used. The red coupons entitled the holder to \$5.00 off at the book sale. Sandy had also mentioned that the pallets were loaded early by David from Hi-power who did a very good job. no waiting. There were only 3 trips at the most per vehicle. 29 pallets total were delivered.
- Sandy mentioned the new sorting date of April 6th - 9th (Tues - Fri) from 9 to 11am. volunteers will be needed.
- We need to have better organization during clean -up. Last year there were over 100 boxes still full on Saturday afternoon but this year we only had 35 full boxes on Saturday afternoon.
- Everyone gave Hanna and the committee a hand for their job well done.
- The secretary at the church (Lori Oxsen) has written a book and gave the friends 4 books which we have for sale at \$15.00 each.

LIBRARY BOOK STORE : Faye Gibbs

- 19 people signed up at the book sale to assist with the bookstore in the library. Faye passed around a sign up sheet and after it was returned we have have 25 volunteers. Posters were made up and placed around at the book sale about the store and this has created quite an interest.

- We are still waiting for the contract from the County in order to proceed. Nancy will contact Vanessa to find out the status of our contract request.

- Minutes from a January 25th meeting of the bookstore committee were passed out for all to read. **(copy attached)**

NEW BUSINESS: None

- It was brought up that the by laws state that the President will choose a nominating committee. After some discussion Nancy choose Dorothy Finnegan as chairperson with Anne Krabach and Christine Nielsen on the committee.

- Dieter wanted Carol to pass on his thanks to the new library assistant who now puts the donated books into shopping bags and places them by the back door for Dieter to pick up.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Fuller/Nielsen the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 PM. Next meeting will be @ the Library on Wednesday, March 3, 2010 @ 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Jeanne Endsley filling in for:
Patricia Hickman, Secretary