

FRIENDS OF THE TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
FEBRUARY 1, 2012

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm by President Pat Hickman. Those present: Pat Hickman, President; Dorothy Finnegan, Secretary; Jeanne Endsley, Treasurer; and Board Members including Gity Miller, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, and Cynthia Williams. Others present: Carol Blomquist, Turlock Public Librarian; Linda Lee; Sandy Mann; Dieter Renning; Hanna Renning; and Jayne Smith.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Dorothy and seconded by Gity, the minutes of the January 4, 2012 meeting were accepted after a correction to the spelling of HyPower was made.

III. REPORTS:

A. President's Report by Pat Hickman.

1. Brooks has been working industriously contacting businesses regarding support for our Friends group. Turlock Staples has donated \$150 worth of coupons for our Friends group to use for copying. Sandy Mann was to use the coupons first which would then be handed on to Susan Helm-Lauber. Brooks has appropriately thanked Staples on behalf of the FOTPL.
2. Brooks (in absentia) was also complimented for the wonderful publicity he did for our January Book Sale. The front page article in the Turlock Journal was passed around for members to read. Brooks also placed several articles in the Modesto Bee advertising our Book Sale.
3. Pat read a letter from Michael Fuller tendering his resignation as Director of Membership. Michael's teaching schedule for this semester is in conflict with the meeting dates of the FOTPL. He said in the letter that, if we wanted, he would continue to keep track of the membership until the end of the fiscal year. As missing three consecutive meetings can terminate membership on the Board, the issue of Michael's term will be revisited in two months.
4. Pat reminded us that articles for the March Newsletter would be due by February 18, 2012. Gity took some interesting photos of our January Book Sale. Several of the photos of the Book Sale will be emailed to Susan to include in the March Newsletter if possible.

B. Membership Report given by Pat Hickman.

As of January 26, we have 54 lifetime members, 199 members through June 2012 and 17 members through June 2013 for a total of 270 members. This does not include the members who paid dues at the January Book Sale for which receipts have not yet been sent.

C. Treasurer's Report by Jeanne Endsley.

1. The treasurer's reports for the December 2011 and January 2012 were approved upon a motion by Cynthia and seconded by Gity.
2. On a motion by Cynthia and seconded by Gity, 10 bills were to be paid: \$500.00 to Allied Insurance; \$89.50 to Demco for library supplies; \$365.92 to Highsmith for the new bear; \$8.04 to Joan Ahlstrand for supplies for the Books Sale; \$80.00 to Dieter Renning for reimbursement for Teen Challenge workers used for the Book Sale; \$70.56 to Sandy Mann for supplies for book sorting; \$550.00 to be paid out to the Puppet Art Theater which will perform "Hansel and Gretel" two times on March 10, 2012 at the Turlock Library; \$300.00 to the

First Methodist Church to rent facilities for the Book Sale; \$100.00 to Kim Estrada who does the janitorial work at the church for the Book Sale; and \$134.96 to Susan Helm-Lauber for the cost of mailing the Newsletter.

3. On a motion by Jackie and seconded by Gity, the Gallison Fund will remain at the Farmers and Merchants Bank. The difference on the interests at the various banks was negligible.

D. Librarian's Report by Carol Blomquist.

1. Susan Guest had surgery on her arm. Her return to work date is uncertain. She will be greatly missed in the children's programs.
2. Carol thanked the FOTPL for the Jamba Juice gift certificates presented at the counting jar contest in January.
3. Carol and Barbara Alexander did kindergarten visitations at Brown, Cunningham and Julien schools encouraging students to get library cards.
4. There will be a Valentine's Workshop on Saturday, February 11th at 11 am for children to create Valentines for special people.
5. The Centennial Birthday for the country library system will be celebrated during National Library Week in April this year. Carol will ask Bob Santos to help research the history of the libraries in Stanislaus County. The Foundation would like there to be refreshments for the Birthday Party on April 11, 2012. A discussion ensued whether it would be appropriate for the Foundation or the Friends groups to spend money on refreshments during the "Save Stanislaus Libraries" campaign. Pat Portwood was going to raise this question at the next meeting of the campaign committee.
6. It was discussed that no member of the library staff or any member of the FOTPL working in the Book Store could accept campaign money while in the library building. Anyone coming into the library wanting to contribute to the campaign should mail in such a donation.
7. On May 16, 2012 at 7 pm, Mr. Falkenberg will present a free program at the library entitled "Food Safety & You."

E. Book Bin.

It was reported that \$223.88 was made at the Book Bin in November and December.

It was asked if anyone could donate an end table to the Book Bin. Also it was asked if the remaining donated gardening books could be given to the botany department at MJC. Nobody objected.

F. Friends' Bookstore report given by Jackie Oyer.

Jackie reported that \$349 was made at the Bookstore in January. Since the price reduction on the books, the books have been flying off the shelves. Jackie was concerned whether or not there would be enough good donated books to keep the shelves stocked.

G. "Save Stanislaus Libraries" campaign report by Pat Portwood.

1. Pat gave a thorough report on the January 2012 meeting of the "Save the Libraries" campaign. One of the topics under discussion pertained to the speakers promoting the tax initiative. Speaking engagements can be carried out not only by the campaign members at the county level, but also by our local FOTPL members talking, for instance, at Covenant Village or the Garden Club.
2. Pat reported on some of the upcoming events in the county supporting Measure T.
3. Currently, \$82,000 of the suggested \$150,000 needed for the campaign has been raised.
4. FOTPL received many signed endorsement cards at our January Book Sale which will be turned over to the Foundation. Pat expressed concern that they may have been color coded or marked in some manner so each FOTPL could get them returned and used locally for the campaign. She will bring this up at the next meeting.

5. The campaign is considering moving its headquarters to larger facilities as its current location neither has enough room for carrying on business nor for parking.
6. As the election day nears, the campaign will be in full swing. We will need people manning tables and people walking districts. Perhaps we need a central location for people making phone calls to voters. We need people putting out signs (Gity suggested that a record be kept of the sign locations so that they then can subsequently be taken down). We need to match up the people on the endorsement cards and their special abilities with the jobs that need to be done.
7. Pat expressed concern that some of the campaign literature, e.g. THEN AND NOW, did not have Measure T printed on it. Pat would bring this up at the next meeting.

#### IV. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Hopefully, there will be a report next month on the responsibilities/duties of officers, board members and major committees.
- B. January Book Sale. Hanna thanked everyone who had helped with our very successful Book Sale and will be sending out letters of appreciation to the workers shortly. The total income was \$5913.85 less expenses. Sandy Mann and her efficient crew with 7 trucks moved 20 1/2 pallets from HyPower to the Methodist Church on Arbor in record time. Sandy again handed out \$5.00 coupons redeemable at the Book Sale to her workers, a nice gesture. Hanna reported that 6 of these coupons were used. The "Books for Ghana" workers picked up the left over books (minus romance and the books on religion) at 7:30 pm. Donna Oppelt and her super organized, efficient crew had the church and remains of the Book Sale cleaned up in record time.
  - At the Book Sale , we made \$189 on the sale of our "collectible books." Six boxes remain. Gity is looking into selling the "collectible books" in Berkeley.
  - Hanna shared with us some lovely cloth book covers made by Christine Baker.
- C. " Life membership" is defined as membership for one person.
- D. FOTPL Campaign contribution. Harrison Gibbs took our contribution information to an accountant to get accurate figures as we over-contributed last year to the campaign. Friends groups can contribute up to 20% of their budget to the campaign. In 2011 FOTPL contributed \$5,600.00 to the campaign, but was supposed to contribute \$3,560.00, an over payment of \$2,040.00. In 2012, FOTPL can contribute \$5,020.00. Subtracting the overpayment of \$2,040 (from 2011) from the amount of \$5,020 (for 2012), we arrive at a contribution on \$2,980.00 On as motion by Dorothy and seconded by Cynthia, it was agreed to donate \$2,980.00 to the "Save Stanislaus Libraries" in support of Measure T in 2012.

#### V. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Pat appointed Fay Gibbs, Jackie Oyer, and Pat Portwood to the Nominating Committee for officers and board members for 2012-1013. Gity Miller also volunteered to be on the Nominating Committee. On a motion by Cynthia and seconded by Jeanne the Nominating Committee was approved.
- B. Pat and Brooks listened to the Grant Presentation to FOTPL on line. At a cost of \$699, it was not worth investing in such a program of grant writing.

VI. ADJOURNMENT: On a motion by Cynthia and seconded by Jackie the meeting was adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Dorothy Finnegan, secretary

