

Friends of the Turlock Library
Board Meeting
February 5, 2014

Call to Order

President Jeanne Endsley called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present: Jeanne Endsley, Phyllis Frasier, Fran Fears, Nancy Frykman, Carmen Ingols, John Brooks Judd, Gity Miller, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, Mike Seifert. Other FOTPL members: Joan Ahlstrand, Pat Hickman, Hanna Renning, Jayne Smith, Anne-Marie Montgomery, Turlock Regional Librarian.

The minutes were reviewed and a motion to approve by Michael, 2nd by Gity and approved by all.

Reports

President: Jeanne talked about the application for a nominee for the Shinning Star Award.

Treasurer: Carmen Ingols reported that the beginning balance was \$19,037.96 with income of \$1,614.90, expenses of \$623.77 with a balance as of January 31 of \$20,029.09. With the CD of \$7,296.97 total available funds are \$27,326.06. Gallison fund CD interest only available is \$6,840.59. There is \$533.89 in bills for expenses associated with the book sale. Motion to approve bills by Michael and 2nd by Phyllis. Approved by all.

Membership: Gity reported that there are currently 199 members.

Library Foundation: Pat reported on upcoming Library Foundation Events.

- On Sunday March 30 there will be a Fashion Show, "Runway for Reading." The event will be held at the Petersen Event Center in Modesto. Individual tickets are \$35.00 and a table of 8 is \$300.00. Pat asked for Turlock representation at the affair to show the partnership between the FOL and the Foundation.
- Daniel Handler, aka Lemony Snicket, author of A Series of Unfortunate Events will be speaking at a foundation fundraising event on November 16, 2014.
- Vanessa Czopect, County Librarian, will be retiring on March 19, 2014. On March 17, from 4:30 to 6:30, there will be a retirement party at the Modesto Library.

Pat talked about a Business Partner Program- Presenting a sample program to use for public relations. The Library Foundation will need to approve.

Turlock Regional Librarian: Anne-Marie informed the Board that the book bin had arrived and was currently stored at the Salida Library. The Library has hired a private contractor to replace some of the concrete on the sidewalk in front of the library and make it level in order to place the book bin.

The Library has been on a nation-wide search for a replacement for Kelly, Turlock's Children's Librarian. The list has been narrowed down and the library hopes to have the replacement within two weeks.

Ceres will be a test site to weigh the cost of technology with the savings on staff time. The library system is exploring what is possible, most efficient and affordable. Best case, there would be a variety of wired desktop computers with some laptops and/or tablets so that customers could choose to work alone or in groups, whatever is their preference. There will be a mix of old (but refurbished) shelving with some moveable shelving. The Library is investigating a contract with the DVD dispenser people to see if it is cost effective. The ultimate goal is to make our staff more efficient, not replace them.

Old Business

Book sale: The book sale was a success. A total of \$5,736.11 was made with a balance of \$5,207.24 after expenses. The FOL will need to find a replacement for the Stockton man who came and picked up the remaining books after the sale. He will no longer be able to do this for us. Hanna and others will be looking into finding a replacement for him. It was suggested that something be put in the newsletter about needing an individual or group to take the remaining books.

Newsletter: The next newsletter will be coming out in February. Phyllis will be including pictures of the book sale. She asked if the library could put together some information on programs we supported in 2013 and other ways we have helped the library. Articles will be submitted by some of the members.

Technology: Mike reported that he was unable to arrange help for Facebook or the web page from a family member at this time. Ann-Marie told the Board that Wayne, the Librarian from Newman, is helping the Newman Friend's with Facebook. Wayne is going to train her; she will then train Mike and others on how to use Facebook. Wayne can supply us with written directions. Mike asked if Wayne might be willing to help us with a website as well. Ann-Marie will discuss it with him.

New Business

Joan Ahlstrand, a member of the Stanislaus County Library Advisory Board, talked about the Shining Star award that will be presented at the Volunteer Appreciation gathering to be held on April 12, 2014 at the Salida Library. Joan suggested that we nominate Sandy Mann for the award and all approved it. Joan and Jeanne will be working together to compose a letter for Sandy's nomination.

Joan requested money to purchase 4 or 5 containers to store the subject sign stands used for the book sale. The bins will cost \$20.00 to \$25.00 each. Motion to approve by Michael and 2nd by Brooks. Approved by all.

Pat Hickman suggested that we sell tickets to win an iPad or other tablet as a way of fundraising. The tickets would sell for \$5.00 each. The Board discussed the idea but it wasn't approved. It was suggested by Joan that we sell the tickets at the annual book sale and have a separate table with the tablet on display. This idea was discussed and approved.

Brooks motioned to adjourn at 8:50p.m. 2nd by Jackie.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jackie Oyer, Secretary