

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
February 5, 2020

Board Members Present: Carmen Ingols, Sabra Stafford, Jackie Oyer, Diane Gray, Hal Owen, Karon Johnson, Pat Portwood, Jane Cluff and Mary Ward. Absent: Brooks Judd, Hope Werness.

Friends Present: Brian Sontag, Diane Bartlett, Michael Seifert, Phyllis Frasier, Hanna and Dieter Renning, Greg Rogers, Jayne Smith, Mary Jackson and Pat Hickman

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

Minutes: The December minutes were misplaced and reconstructed at the February meeting (There was no meeting in January.)

- Approved depositing 100% of money from January, 2020 Book Sale to Library Renovation Fund.
- Jackie will maintain the new stationary.
- There will be no January meeting and next meeting will be February 5th. Hal moved to approve and Diane seconded.

Presidents Report

Pat met with Patty Hill Thomas about Feb 22 groundbreaking and Friends role. Feb. 3rd she met with Ferrars and a few others about donor possibilities. They talked about importance of establishing autonomy under county policies, and autonomous status will be put in writing.

Treasurer's Report

Carmen reported the FOTPL earned a total of \$7,664.54 in January from a combination of the book sale, (\$5,576.50) Donations, (\$1522) Membership, (\$780) The Friends' Bookstore, (\$233.90) and interest.

Money Market: Carmen moved that we move a minimum of \$40,000 to a C.D. with higher interest. Jackie seconded. Board voted unanimously to transfer \$44,000.

New fundraising group's financial reports will be reported to Friends and use of those funds will be voted on by FOTPL. The first meeting will be on Feb 12th at Ferrari's. Pat will recommend a new account for that new fundraising group.

Diane's report:

Diane reported that the staff is busy packing up! Storytimes, art classes and outreaches are continuing.

The book clubs have found places to meet - Hope Church and Saint Francis Church

Diane asked to spend remaining money from Friends on books and the board agreed.

Old Business

Advocacy: Brooks will confirm monthly Farmers Market FOTPL table dates. Pat suggested we invite members who are not on board to work at market, and Brooks will be calling people.

Membership: Bravo Diane, Hal and helpers! We got 48 memberships on members night only and 10 more on Friday and Saturday. Mike Seifert's membership packets with application and bookmark expedited the process. We now have 152 total members. People who are interested in "Public Information" on membership form should be referred to Brooks. Carmen pointed out those 7 people who showed interest in P.I. would be good to ask about becoming Directors for 20/21.

Book Sale: Jackie reported that it went well with no real hiccups and thanked all who helped. She reminded people to drop any other signs at library, and she would pick up. All but one of the larger, two-sided, colored signs were stolen this year. Hanna commended Jackie for having everything under control. Pat suggested the next newsletter include an

article celebrating the history of the book sale and a notice to “stay tuned” for future information about donating books for our 2022 sale.

Renovation: Brian Sontag said things are starting to move forward quickly now that there is a construction timeline. The library will be officially closed March 16th. Construction will begin April 6th which allows three weeks for moving out of the current library. Pop up library will open on March 16th at the Senior Center, and will be open M, T, W and F, 3 - 6 and Th 10 - 2 for story times and holds pickup. No public Wi-Fi. Guard will be there. Wifi will be installed and then remain after construction. Mary W asked about parking and Brian said there will be a lot of trades people vehicles and materials in the parking lot. Book Club in a Box can be dropped off and picked up at Pop Up. Important that we clarify to the community that we are renovating the old library and building the new.

New Business

Nominating Committee: Sabra, Jane and Mary Ward will bring the proposed slate to the March meeting. Hope and Hal were thanked for serving.

FOTPL at groundbreaking: Pat hopes all FOTPL board will be there. Construction sign will have picture of library, donations contact info. We need two people to check G-mail account and respond to donation inquiries. It will start at 11. Vito will start. There will be a pledge. Theme is “Pioneers.” 300 chairs. Pioneers: Hanna and Dieter, Susan Helm Lauber, Pat Hickman, Jayne Smith, Ferraris, Joan Allstrand. Country Librarian, Pat Portwood and Mayor will speak. Lots of people will pose for photos holding shovels. Refreshments with a youth band and library activities. FOTPL members should man information table about services during closure. FOTPL should also help host, seat people and help Michelle with children’s program. Pat asked for thoughts about a time capsule. Mary Jackson liked idea. Hanna suggested we do time capsule when we open new library to avoid rush. Pat reminded everyone that this is our last meeting before groundbreaking, and it’s important that we keep an eye on emails and communication.

New location for board meetings: Jackie contacted John Lazar about using his building. He contacted Chief of Police, and he is willing to let us use their meeting room; he will unlock/lock it. He asks that we keep meeting to one hour. Thank you to John Lazar for arranging. First meeting there will be in April.

Newsletter topics: Phyllis sent out topics for people to be responsible for and newsletter will go out after groundbreaking

Financial Committee members: Hanna and Dieter, Jeani and John Ferrari, Ashley Volk, Patrick Jensen, Kathy Smith, Tina Bates, Ken Bethel, Mary Jackson, Donna Pierce and Pat Portwood. At meeting next week they will be brainstorming donor possibilities for children's room and multipurpose room. They have estimated that those naming rights could bring in about \$600,000 and would like to solidify how the donated money would be used aside from displaying the name. People should email Pat ideas for ways to spend donor money focusing on how to make it an "exceptional library."

Shining Star: Pat nominated John Lazar and Diana (letting us use garage) Pat Hickman nominated Vito Chiesa.

Greg Rogers introduced himself. He has worked as a grant writer and is willing to help with fundraising.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:45.

Next meeting: March 4 (Last one at current library!)