

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

MINUTES

January 6, 2010

CALL to ORDER:

Meeting was called to order at 7 pm by Nancy Jewett, Pres. In attendance were Board Members: Nancy Jewett, Pres.; Susan Helm-Lauber, Treasurer; Pat Hickman, Secretary; Michael Fuller, Christine Nielsen, Dieter Renning, & Jeanne Endsley Also in attendance: Hanna Renning, Joan Ahlstrand, & Carol Blomquist, Turlock Public Librarian.

APPROVAL of MINUTES:

On motion by Endsley/Nielsen minutes were approved as corrected. Corrections: page 1 spelling of 'ask' should be "asked" and on page 2 school name "Julian" should be "Julien."

REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: Nancy Jewett

The only major current activity is the up coming book sale which will be reported on later.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Susan Helm-Lauber

- Treasurer's report is ready, but was forgotten at home. Susan will see we all receive a copy of the report.
- Susan worked with B of A and we now have our free account with them as long as we maintain a minimum balance in our checking and savings accounts. Currently we need to move money from savings into checking to increase the amount we have in the checking account – it is down to \$30. Hickman/Fuller motion to move \$500 into our checking account. Motion approved.
- We had paid \$500 for the storyteller programs for the Children's Program at the library. A photo and article were in the local newspaper. The bill from the accountant has also been paid. Bills paid: postcards, \$44.80 for book sale, accountant and Children's Programs.
- We have two CD's that need to be renewed. Jeanne Endsley is to check further with Guaranty Bank to see what the current rates are. She will email the Board to get approval of what we do with the CD's. All agreed the CD's should be "staggered" so they did not all come due at the same time. If we go to a new bank we will need to have the officers sign the signature cards for the new bank.
- Susan reminded the Board that the savings account we now have with B of A was opened with our third CD. We need to keep a minimum amount in our checking and saving accounts to qualify for free banking services. Question - Should we place the access monies in the B of A account into another CD again? Decide after book sale.

MEMBERSHIP: Christine Nielsen: 217 paid members.

Discussion about the double standard of membership. Those joining on membership night only at the book sale receive membership of 18 months. Those joining when the annual

membership is due in July receive 12 months of membership. Those joining at any other time receive membership for less than one year if they join in September their membership also expires in July. Pat Hickman will write a proposal for a by-laws change for the Board to consider. One person sent in membership of \$5.00, she is a long-term member and may have forgotten the dues increase. Return the check and explain the current dues.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: Carol Blomquist

Carol reported for the Children's Librarian, Susan Guest had two programs in December: "The Great Grinch Search" had 257 participants; and the Turlock FOL sponsored two performances by Puppet Art Theater on 12/30/09 – the first performance had 130 people and the second show had 85 for a total of

215 participants. Stanislaus Highlights (seen on local TV station showing local interest items) sent a videographer to tape some audience highlights. The Turlock Journal sent a reporter, a picture was in the paper with a short write-up.

Susan Guest is setting up school kindergarten visits. She will be at Osborn, Wakefield, and Julien schools this month.

November 2009 circulation statistics were up 20.5% from October 2008 – 4,620 more items than last year. [2008 circulation statistics = 22,591 & 2009 statistics = 27,211]. The November circulation exceeded the November 2007 circulation when the Turlock Library was open on Tuesdays. [Nov. 2007 circulation = 24,697.]

Carol reminded everyone to look at the display case at the front entrance of the building. Dieter did an excellent job of creating a display for the up coming book sale.

Carol again thanked the Turlock FOL for all their support. She is currently working on the 2010-2011 budget – which will be difficult in this economy.

#### BOOK BIN: Joan Ahlstrand

The Book Bin is earning approximately \$100 each month. Business downtown and everywhere is slow.

On Friday, 1/15/10, [10 AM until finished] the Book Bin Committee with the help of two other volunteers will cull out the books older than either 3/09 or 6/09. The books removed from the shelves will be placed in the annual book sale.

The shelves will not be refilled immediately. The owner of Ritzy Rags wants to expand our space in her shop; she also wants us to have two chairs and a coffee table in our area rather than the one chair we now have. When the space has been expanded, the Book Bin shelves will all be filled with more books. This should all be done towards the end of the month or shortly after.

#### BY-LAWS COMMITTEE REPORT: Dieter and Pat

Due to the holidays, nothing has been done, but suggested changes will be ready for discussion before the deadline.

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

Jack picked up the new library cards for Dennis Earl School today. We have 51 new cards to deliver. This is a much smaller number of cards than most other schools as many students already had library cards.

The committee has two Turlock public elementary schools left— Medeiros and Walnut. The next set of applications to a school will be distributed by the end of January (or, perhaps, the first week of February). The final public school should be worked within March.

#### ANNUAL BOOK SALE: Hanna Renning, Chair

- 75 posters completed by Susan; Hanna handed out posters for distribution.
- Three (3) Teen Challenge men will help with the moving of the books from HyPower to the Methodist Church on 1/27/10. Two trucks will be needed. Sandy is organizing the move of the books.
- On the morning of 1/28 @ 9 AM to Noon the book sale will be set up. All the boxes of books to be sold are labeled to what type of books are in the boxes; all the tables will be marked to show where they belong for the sale. Approximately 12 people are involved in this phase of the sale. Hanna is arranging this.
- Members only evening – Christine & Mary Jo will open the membership table for new members at 3:30 pm and the sale for members only will begin at 4 PM. Christine will call membership to ask for volunteers to work shifts during the sale.
- Since United Rental closed, we need to find a different source for tables for the sale. Jeanne volunteered to check on tables from the real estate office.
- Hanna is to check with Harrison to see if he knows anyone with barricades we can use during the sale.
- Dieter will begin publicity on the book sale this week

- After sale ends our fellow FOL's will be permitted to take the books they want so they can have them for their sales. Any remaining books will again be donated to be sent abroad for use in schools, etc.
- Discussion – perhaps next year the book sale should end an hour earlier, the last hour will be the “bag sale” and this will leave more time for other FOL's to take the books they want and more time for clean up. Clean up must be done that evening as the church needs the space for Sunday morning.

TURLOCK JOURNAL ARCHIVES:

Jeanne Endsley and Carol Blomquist are continuing to work on finding a place to continue to archive the Turlock Journal issues for the library. Since The Turlock Journal switched from microfilm to digitalizing the newspaper in 2008 it is more difficult to keep up the archive.

LIBRARY BOOK STORE [*Name of this project still unnamed*]:

Pat reported that over the holidays we did nothing, too early to start calling for volunteers. We will wait until after the book sale. Christine has provided us with the phone numbers of all the members. At the last meeting, we were asked to create a poster asking for volunteers to help in the library bookstore. Some Board members felt this should not be done; perhaps we could talk to some of the members and keep a list of those interested in volunteering to work in the Library Bookstore when it opens or create a flyer with a tear-off for those interested in helping.

*NEW BUSINESS: None*

ADJOURNMENT: On motion of Fuller/Hickman the meeting was adjourned at 8:05 PM. Next meeting will be @ the Library on Wednesday, February 3, 2010 @ 7 PM

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hickman, Secretary