

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

JULY 1, 2009

*CALL to ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:*

FOTPL President Nancy Jewett called the meeting to order at 7 pm. Board Officers members present: Nancy Jewett, President, Faye Gibbs, Vice President, Pat Hickman, Secretary, Susan Helm-Lauber, Treasurer, Board Members: Joan Ahlstrand, Michael Fuller, Ann Krabach, Christine Nielsen. Board absent: Dieter Renning, Dorothy Finnegan, and Lorena Olide. Others present: Carol Blomquist, Turlock Librarian.

*PRESIDENT'S REPORT:*

Nancy gave copies of the FOTPL Community Inquiry Survey to Michael and Ann, and a copy of the By-Laws to Michael. Everyone else had copies of both.

President read e-mails she received:

1. Email from newly elected board member Lorena Olide. Lorena regretted to inform the Board she would not be able to serve on the Board – family obligations of her young children prevented her from attending the monthly meetings.

Nancy ask the Board to think about who she could appoint, with Board approval, to replace Lorena.

2. Notification from Jennifer Carlson, Field Representative for Supervisor Vito Chiesa, District 2, - the 1st meeting of the *Turlock Redevelopment Committee* will be held at the Turlock Library at 5:30 PM on Monday July 20, 2009.
3. Vanessa Czopek, County Librarian, was asking if and what the Turlock FOL had decided to do about the space being offered at the Turlock Library, were we signing the contract? This will be discussed under "Book Bin" in agenda.

*APPROVAL of MINUTES:*

Joan Ahlstrand moved and Susan Helm-Lauber 2<sup>nd</sup> the acceptance of the minutes (Pat Hickman's name should be added as present at the May meeting) – motion passed without objection.

*TREASURER'S REPORT:*

Susan handed out the Treasure's Report. Side 1 was the June 2009 report – correction under "*Library Funding, Adult Materials*" over/under budget should read "0", not (2,250.00) – a typo. Side 2 of the Treasure's Report is the Annual Budget as approved at the Annual FOTPL May Meeting. [See attached report]

A check for \$78.07 was approved to Harrison Gibbs for repairing the planters at the back entrance to the library. The planters and plants were being damaged, Harrison repaired them so they are no longer planters but are sealed with attractive tiles. Secretary will write him a thank you note.

Question asked about the cost of the "projection screen" for the library – it was \$184.59 and is listed under *Library Funding as Adult Equipment* in the Treasurer's Report.

Mike Fuller moved and Faye Gibbs 2<sup>nd</sup> the acceptance of the Treasurer Report. Motion passed unanimously.

*LIBRARIAN'S REPORT (Carol Blomquist):*

- The Turlock Friends supplied the materials for the 100 mitts for the puppets for the 98 children and accompanying adults in the June children's program (total number approximately 150 people.)
- The Summer Reading Program had 218 in attendance for the 2 Magic Shows. The Reading Club sponsored the event.
- In July 2009 the Turlock FOL will sponsor the next children's magic show.
- Fiscal Year began today for the library: PFF funds are scheduled for the library again this year, but not as much as last year. Carol was happy to see how much the Friends had budgeted for Turlock library support.
- The Gallagher money is continuing to be spent on Gardening Books – Carol has ordered 3 more books for the library.
- Announced the up coming *Turlock Redevelopment Committee* meeting.
- Carol described the *Self Hold* now being offered for library patrons. She said the shelves they are on need work so the books remain upright when one is removed; they need book supports on the ends. So far most people like the idea they can easily get the books they have on hold, but a few complaints: some books too high or low to read easily, this is especially difficult for people in wheelchairs. Also, DVD's are not of *Self Hold* – must still request them at the desk.
- Thanked FOL for the Projection Screen and felt members of the survey group who are making public presentations should be able to use the screen.
- Carol Contacted the ADA regulator and asked about the space being made available for the FOL to use as a book sale space. Report said the 36" access door to the room was minimally adequate for wheelchair use (40" would be better). The room being offered the FOL is 10 ft by 11 ft. ADA requires a minimum of 5 ft radius for wheelchair turn around – so bookcases, storage shelves, etc. will all need to be against the wall.
- Carol would like a 30 day notice of when we want the room available so she can clear it out and relocate the supplies it is now used for.

#### *MEMBERSHIP (Christine Nielsen)*

Currently we have 152 members. Membership cards have not been sent out yet. Discussion about having members add their email address to the application. This way, those who wanted to receive their newsletter via email could and we would save money. A new application form has been created to include the email address. Much discussion about whose return email would be on the form: an individual of FOL or possibly the website address for the county library system. No one knew if this was possible, or if their would be privacy guaranteed for email addresses, etc. Many questions, consensus was to continue membership and newsletter as currently have it until we could answer the questions we were raising. Carol Blomquist will contact the County Library's Webmaster, explain our concerns and have them contact Pat Hickman about the possibility of posting our newsletter and minutes online on the Stanislaus County Library website. Pat will report back at the next meeting after talking to Susan Foster and Susan Lilly.

#### *BOOK BIN COMMITTEE REPORT (Joan Ahlstrand):*

Board has agreed and current lease agreement with Ritzy Rags expires the last day of August. We can renegotiate the contract at the end of August.

Joan and Peggy Smurr are continuing to refurnish the stock at the Book Bin. Hanna & Dieter continue to collect the donated books to the FOL and sort them for the ones they want in the Book Bin. Joan continues to handle all the children's books that are donated. After this preliminary sorting, the remaining books are then moved to HyPower and Sandy's sorting committee organizes them and prepares them for the FOTPL Book Sale.

Business at the Book Bin is currently very slow; business downtown and at Ritzy Rags is also slow. The Book Bin will have a table out front on the 4<sup>th</sup> of July from 11 AM to 5 PM for the town activities planned that day. People have signed up to work 2 to 2 & ½ hour shifts for the day. There will be two tables – one for *Streams in a Thirsty land* and another one for the regular Book Bin books.

*BOOK BIN in the LIBRARY - Discussion:*

The possibility of moving the Book Bin into the space being offered FOTPL by the county Library at the Turlock Library was thoroughly discussed by nearly everyone present. A few of the questions raised about moving the Book Bin were: how could we manage to find the manpower to operate the store effectively, do we need a business plan, what are our short & long time goals in operating a book store, would the Book Bin be a separate operation than a store at the library, would two separate operations be appealing to different clientele, etc. Much discussion – no consensus on answers.

Board agreed:

- We do collect a vast amount of used books to sell
- We do have a major book sale once a year and generally make about \$4000.00

We need to study the issue of the Book Bin and offered room at the Turlock Library more closely:

- Faye Gibbs & Pat Hickman agreed to co-chair the Extended Book Bin committee.
- More people than the Extended Book Bin committee need to be involved in this discussion.
- A special meeting to discuss the Book Bin and the space at the Turlock Library will be held at the library on Wednesday, July 22 at 7 PM – only agenda would be the Book Bin and Library space offer.
- This special meeting will include all Board members and Extended Book Bin committee members.
- Same group will be asked to go on a Field Trip on Monday, July 13 to visit the Lodi, Stockton, Salida, and Ripon FOL Book Stores to see how other friends groups are handling the books they have for sale to support their libraries. Faye will call and make arrangements for the tours, Nancy will notify all participants in the committee of the tour and the special meeting.

Mike Fuller moved the meeting be adjourned at 8:45 PM. Next regular board meeting will be at 7 PM on August 5, 2009. President Nancy and Vice President Faye will not be at this meeting; Secretary Pat Hickman will conduct the meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hickman, Secretary.