

**Friends of the Turlock Public Library**  
**Board Meeting**  
**1 July 2015**  
**6:30 PM**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Diane Bartlett (Turlock Regional Librarian, *ex officio*), Linda Dav-enport, Michael Fuller, Pat Hickman, Chris Hughes, Carmen Ingols, Brooks Judd, Gity Miller, Hal Owen, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, Dieter Renning, Pat Rubalcava and Mike Seifert.

**GUESTS:** Joan Ahlstrand, Dorothy Finnegan, Hanna Renning and Jayne Smith.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jackie called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM after passing out packets con-taining an agenda calendar, a copy of the bylaws and a list of job descriptions.

**MINUTES:** After some discussion about what should be in the monthly minutes or in the annual minutes, Hal moved, seconded by Gity, that the minutes for 3 June be approved. The vote was unanimous.

**REPORTS:**

**PRESIDENT:** Jackie read a statement she had prepared on the county library's five-year pro-gram, which expired June 30. The county library is looking for a consultant.

**TREASURER:** Carmen reported that income during the month of May had been \$501.30 while expenses had totaled \$425.40, bringing our checking balance to \$32,984.32. Our CD remains at \$7,313.02. Total available funds are \$40,297.34. Her report, the last of her three-year tenure as treasurer, was accepted.

**MEMBERSHIP:** Hal reported 17 renewals in May: 10 individual, 5 family and 2 new. Total mem-bership: 172 memberships with 205 people, and 41 lifetime members.

Hal went on to state that he thought it might be beneficial if we added a special category of membership for local businesses (not large national corporations such as Kohl's or Target). He suggested special promotional pieces giving the advantages of being a supporter of FOTPL. The question is how we can most effectively reach this demographic. A committee was constituted; see makeup toward the end of these minutes.

**FOUNDATION:** Pat reiterated that the Foundation is planning two events for the "summer": a thank-you and a fundraiser. The thank-you for donors ("Donors Are Heroes") will take place be-tween 5:30 and 7:00 on 18 August at the Modesto Library. A short program will focus on stories from people who have benefitted greatly from all that the library provides. Invitations will be sent out in early August ... but mark your calendars.

The fundraiser, an author's gala, will take place on 26 September at the home of Ginger and Ken Johnson. Surla's will cater the dinner; entertainment will include Surla's guitarist; wine will be from Gallo. There will be an auction of various desserts. Cost: \$125 a plate, a reduction from what it cost the last time we had a dinner. Invitations should arrive mid-August.

**NEWSLETTER:** Evidently Phyllis could not make the meeting.

**LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:** Diane's report focused on upcoming events and issues in the library.

**Scheduled events for July** include: week of July 5–11: Shark Week (shark guessing jar) | July 7: Ocean in a Bottle, 4 PM | July 8: Magic Shows, one at 2 PM, the other at 3 PM | July 14: Peekaboo Cat, 4 PM | July 15: Marshmallow Towers, 4 PM | July 21: Bird Feeder, 4 PM | July 22: Duct Tape, 4 PM | July 28: Lego Day, 4 PM | July 29: Pompom Shooters, 4 PM. In addition, Wiggle Worms takes place on Wednesdays at 10 AM and again at 11 AM, and Preschool Story Time takes place on Thursdays at 10 AM and again at 11 AM. Older kids and adults might enjoy glass etching at 7 PM on July 15. Diane passed out the monthly calendar of events at the Turlock Library. All of these activities are on the calendar, which is available for the taking at the library. (I could not find an on-line version.)

Michelle is planning a Mo Willems Week, perhaps for the second week in August, and has requested bookmarks to hand out when kids find Piggy. FOTPL will provide 400 bookmarks at the cost of \$60.

Diane thanked the FOTPL for its support. She shared comments from the public with the Board. People are impressed that there is an activity almost every day the library is open. One costumer recently commented, "These [DVDs] saved my life yesterday!"

**Librarian's Wish List:** Diane told the Board that \$360 of the FOTPL funds allotted for children's programs will pay for the second magic show on 8 July [see above].

The Library has asked the *FOTPL volunteers* in the Friends' Bookstore not to go behind the desk for any reason. *Library volunteers*, however, have access to that area of the library. Meanwhile, the door to the Friends' Bookstore is slightly warped; if you have difficulty closing it, please ask a staff member to help you. A work order has been submitted. The Library also requests that we not try to get into the Bookstore after it has closed for the day (unless you forget, say, your keys inside!).

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Farmers' Market:** Pat thanked Hal, Mike and Gity for helping her with June's farmers' market. The crew for 11 July's market includes Pat R., Chris, Mike and Gity. Get there early to get a good spot. BYOC.

**Bookstore Contract:** Postponed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Storage Facility:** We will use Carmen's barn for storing our books for the book sale. It is unfeasible to try to sort there. We have already received 23 boxes of paperbacks, 12 boxes for children's books, 11 boxes of fiction and 13 boxes of nonfiction since we began accepting books again.

**Bookcases:** We have been storing the bookcases from Ritzy Ragz in Gity's garage<sup>1</sup>. The Gallery Finesse<sup>2</sup> is making new bookcases for us to be used at their location, so Joan is hoping we can sell the old ones at a small loss (we paid \$60 for some, and she's hoping someone will pay \$40 apiece). She had photos of the bookcases and offered them to Board members. There will be a notice in the next newsletter. (The Gallery Finesse hopes to be ready with their remodel by 9 July.)

**Committees:** Several committees were formed or slightly modified:

- **Membership Committee:** Hal Owen (chair), Carmen Ingols, Mike Seifert, Brooks Judd.
- **Fundraising Committee:** Joan Ahlstrand (chair), Linda Davenport, Pat Rubalcava, Chris Hughes.
- **Bookstore Committee:** Pat Hickman, Carmen Ingols, Jackie Oyer, Linda Davenport.
- **Book Sale Committee:** Hanna Renning, Joan Ahlstrand, Dorothy Finnegan.

It's never too late to join a committee! Thanks to all who have volunteered so far.

**Adjournment:** At 7:41 PM Brooks moved and Michael seconded that we adjourn. Everyone agreed that we had accomplished much in a relatively short time and that the A/C in our homes would feel great.

**Next Month's Meeting:** The next board meeting will begin at 6:30 PM on 5 August in the Turlock Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller  
Recording Secretary

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<sup>1</sup> A huge THANK Y@U to Gity!

<sup>2</sup> 128 N. Center, across the street from PG&E.