

**FRIENDS OF THE TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MARCH 7, 2012**

I. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 PM by President Pat Hickman. Those present: Pat Hickman, President; Faye Gibbs, Vice President; Dorothy Finnegan, Secretary. Board members including: Nancy Frykman, Brooks Judd, Gity Miller, Christine Nielsen, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, and Cynthia Williams. Others present: Carol Blomquist, Turlock Public Librarian; Vanessa Czopek, Stanislaus County Librarian; Charles Teval, County Library Supervisor; Linda Li; Mike Seifert; Peggy Seifert; and Jayne Smith, Historian.

II. COUNTY LIBRARIAN, VANESSA CZOPEK

Vanessa taught us to play "BIBLO," a bingo like game, being used at meetings and rallies to promote Measure T. The purpose of the game is to acquaint the public with the county library and its services. Through this game presented in a fun manner, the value of the county library system is expressed and the need for passing Measure T is established. The "BIBLO" cards are all different, and a person wins when 5 vertical or horizontal lines are formed by correctly answering questions regarding the library. The questions were at various levels of difficulty. All the answers need not be on all of the cards. Vanessa allowed us to assist each other with answers. After playing several games, the winners were awarded prizes, pencils inscribed with Stanislaus County Library and its web site.

Vanessa thanked Brooks for his "letters to the editor" in the Modesto Bee.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

On a motion by Cynthia and seconded by Jackie the minutes of the February 1, 2012 meeting were accepted unanimously.

IV. REPORTS

A. Save Stanislaus Libraries campaign.

1. Pat Portwood gave a report on the Save Stanislaus Libraries Campaign in the absence of Bev Finley. Pat summarized the campaign meetings of February 3 and March 2 which are now held in Suite D at 1518 Coffee Road, Modesto. The grand kickoff for the campaign in support of Measure T will be held in Modesto on March 24th. On the same day we will have our own kickoff in Turlock at the Carnegie Center for the Arts. Brooks has invited a number of speakers to attend this rally from Turlock City Council, the trustees of the Turlock Unified School, and the County Board of Supervisors. The Friends is advocating a large turnout in support of Measure T.
2. Pat P. will be concentrating on getting walkers for the precincts. The students from Rex Raybine's economics class have volunteered to walk in our 21 precincts each with about 200 houses and to distribute information regarding Measure T beginning on March 24th and continuing through April 21st. Packages of information will be available for each precinct.
3. Signs: There are 480 lawn signs available for Turlock. People are needed to arrange for the distribution of signs to people's lawns. This information comes from the pledges people previously have signed. We also need to put up large signs, probably 4 feet by 8 feet, in locations seen by the most amount of voters. Property owners will have to be contacted for their approval to put up these large signs. There are between 10-15 large signs.

4. **Phone Campaign:** This will be headed by Jackie Oyer who will be in need of people willing to telephone asking for support of Measure T. A script will be available for phone people. A location for callers needs to be determined. You do not have to be a member of FOTPL to phone.
5. **Tables:** Brooks Judd and Hanna Renning have agreed to coordinate people who work at tables. Brooks handed around a paper for signups for tables at Raley's and Fresh Market for the month of May. Hanna will be placing tables near the public library.
6. Charles Teval representing the county library said Pat P. did an admirable job, and he had nothing to add to the report.

B. President's Report by Pat Hickman.

1. Pat asked for volunteers to be on the Budget Committee for 2012-2013. The budget has to be ready for the annual meeting in June. Jeanne Endsley as the current treasurer should be on the committee. Pat Hickman and Nancy Frykman will be on the committee as well as Carol Blomquist who will be an honorary member.
2. Dorothy suggested that HyPower be nominated to receive the Library Foundation Shining Star Award.

C. Treasurer's Report.

In the absence of Jeanne Endsley due to her husband's illness, Pat Hickman handed out the treasurer's report for February 2012. On a motion by Cynthia and seconded by Brooks the treasurer's report was approved.

D. Membership Report.

1. In the absence of Michael Fuller, Pat Hickman gave the membership report. After receiving new members at the January book sale, we now have a total of 330 members, of which, 54 are lifetime members.
2. Pat Hickman said she would send out a membership list to all Board members via email.

E. Librarian's Report by Carol Blomquist.

1. Both the Valentine Workshop attended by 40 adults and children and the Cat in the Hat's Hat contest in which 142 children participated were successful.
2. Barbara Alexander made the last visitation to the kindergartens in the outreach program.
3. The In-N-Out Burger's "Cover to Cover" program for children age 4-12 will run from March 3 to April 14 in which children reading 5 library books (or having 5 books read to them) will receive a certificate for a free hamburger or cheeseburger.
4. March 17th is the deadline for the Centennial bookmark contest, an art contest that all ages can enter.
5. On Wednesday, April 11, 2012 from 11 AM to 12:30 PM, the Turlock library will celebrate its centennial birthday. Carol circulated a paper for volunteers to sign up to help with the event. Later in the meeting, on a motion by Brooks and seconded by Jackie, the FOTPL agreed to buy two cakes with butter cream frosting from Costco for this County Library Centennial Celebration. However, no beverages, other than water, will be served.

F. Publicity Report by Brooks.

1. Brooks said he was looking for volunteers to work at tables for Measure T.
2. Brooks said he would be sending more "letters to the editor" which are being printed in the Modesto Bee.

V. OLD BUSINESS

1. Responsibilities/duties of officers, Board members, etc.

Dorothy handed out 9 pages of information on job descriptions and responsibilities of officers and Board members worked on by Dorothy, Michael, and Christine. These proposals were drafts. It is hoped that at the next meeting, after corrections are made, a consensus can be reached regarding these responsibilities and procedures. This information can be placed in a "procedures manual" or "guidebook" for future reference, but not necessarily added to our bylaws.

2. Bylaws

Pat asked for volunteers to work on the FOTPL bylaws. Pat H., Dorothy, Fay, and Nancy will be on the committee.

3. Collectible Books

A discussion about our collectible books was tabled, but hopefully, they will eventually be taken to Berkeley for sale.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Faye and seconded by Brooks the meeting was adjourned at 8:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Finnegan, Secretary

Next meeting of the Board will be on April 4, 2012 at 7 PM at the Turlock Library.