

**Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting
4 March 2015**

Board Members Present: Diane Bartlett (Turlock Regional Librarian, *ex officio*), Linda Davenport, Jeanne Endsley, Michael Fuller, Carmen Ingols, Gity Miller, Hal Owens, Jackie Oyer and Pat Portwood.

Guests Present: Joan Ahlstrand, Pat Hickman, Chris Hughes, Barbara Jensen, Sandy Mann, Dieter Renning, Hanna Renning and Jayne Smith.

Call to Order: Jeanne called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM.

Minutes: The minutes were approved after being so moved by Jackie, and seconded by Gity.

Reports:

President: She reported that she and Joan had met with and interviewed Sandy Mann as a potential Shining Star. The letter has been sent off.

Treasurer: Carmen reported that income during the last month had been \$622.78 and expenses had totaled \$24, bringing our checking balance to \$34,256.78. Our CD is now worth \$7,313.02. Total available funds are \$41,569.80. Someone suggested that we accept the report and pay all outstanding bills that had already been approved: \$97.69 (to Diane for adult program materials), \$94.84 (to Michelle for children's materials) and \$70.85 (to Kim, for crafts projects during March). Accepted.

Membership: Hal reported that there was one renewal and one family that joined the Friends. Membership is at 171; there are 200 members.

Librarian: Librarian's Report for February:

Program statistics for February are as follows: Feb. 3: Heart Butterfly • 22 attended | Feb. 10: Friendship Blossom • 25 | Feb. 17: Candy Kiss Roses • 20 | Feb. 24: Lego® blocks • 43 | Feb. 14: Chocolate Tasting • 6 (and it even hit the *Bee*) | Feb. 18: Adult/Teen craft (mugs) • 21¹ | Bookclub • 25 | Story Times in February • 563 total. In addition, on March 3 46 attended Dr. Seuss Day; children can search for the Cat's Hat all month.

Upcoming events include: Cover to Cover starts March 7 | March 10: Stained Glass Window Kites | March 11: speaker | March 14: Teens decorate the Teen Space | March 17: Pots o' Gold craft | March 18: Book Art (Adult/Teen craft) | March 24: Lego Day | March 31: Game Day. The second week of April is National Library Week.

Meetings: On February 17 Diane attended Chamber Mixer (two people agreed to a program) and the TUSD Board meeting; on February 24 she attended the City Council meeting.

Program update: city business license needed for performers. Most cities have given waivers; ours is "looking into it."

There is a new format for the **Summer Reading Challenge** (SRC); the theme this year is Super Heroes.

¹ This in spite of the fact that only one person actually signed up!

0–9 get to choose a prize after reading 30 minutes a day for 7 days;

9–18 get to put their name in for a prize drawing after reading seven 60-minute blocks; prizes are mystery crates.

18+ fill out reviews; we will draw winning names for two grand prizes: \$100 gift certificate or an e-reader

Diane went on to say that many FOLs supplement the library prizes and asked that we consider supplementing the program. Some suggestions include a coupon to get a free book from the Friends' Bookstore, weekly drawings for gift certificates from the area, gift basket, etc. She has discovered that teens would like \$5 gift cards. The 0–9 age group has been offered anything from bookstore certificates to bicycles. Some suggestions for supplemental prizes:

\$50 towards a gift basket for the adults (this can come out of the line item);

1 book for adults per week (for 11 weeks) giveaway from the Friends' Bookstore;

\$200 for gift books for children;

\$200 for gift certificates for the 9–18 age range.

Staff changes: Jana has been offered a fulltime job in Oakdale and will be leaving in April; Michelle and Diane are in the process of interviewing.

The library needs **program help:** Tuesday, May 5 for Dia (4–5(:30) PM) • 3 stations of craft activities
Saturday, May 23 for the SRC kickoff (1–3 PM)

Wish List:

HGTV renewal:	\$ 19.99 (approved: see February minutes)
White board for teen area:	\$387.44 (in process)
Monetary donation for Stanislaus County Fair in July. ²	

(See above under Summer Reading Challenge)

Miscellaneous: Pat P. and Diane are attending workshops to enable us to write a grant. The State Library has money set aside. Diane, Michelle and Olga are working on something with Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Math (STEAM).

Newsletter: Phyllis was absent. The next newsletter will be May 1.

Nominating Committee: Pat H. thinks we have a slate.

Old Business:

Book Sale Signs: Three are still unreturned; two are hiding in Pat H's living room.

Book Bin: will be relocated in The Gallery Finesse, 128 N. Center.

Storage: suggestions included Sutter-Gould and the building on the corner of Main and Colorado; might TID have space somewhere for us?

Friends' Bookstore: we don't have many books coming in at the moment; ergo, bare shelves.

Books Coming In: Powell's in Seattle sets up systems for groups such as ours; Joan will look into this. Jackie mentioned "little libraries" — mostly for paperbacks.

New Business:

Budget Committee: will consist of Carmen (chair), Jeanne, Linda and Diane.

² FOTPL coughed up \$200 last year! Susan Lilly needs the money by May 7.

ABC Project Tea: will be on the same day as the Shining Star Awards. Gity has information. This year's theme is Alice in Wonderland.

Bookstore Volunteer: Jackie reported that a longtime volunteer in the Friends' Bookstore, Lois Pinkney, had recently died. We remember and appreciate her service.

Adjournment: Brooks moved at 7:31 that "we stop"; second by Michael. General pandemonium ensued.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller