

MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY 2, 2012

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM by President Pat Hickman. Those present: Pat Hickman, President; Dorothy Finnegan, Secretary; Jeanne Endsley, Treasurer; Brooks Judd, Public Advocate. Board members: Donna Lolli, Gity Miller, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, and Cynthia Williams. Others present: Joan Ahlstrand, Library Advisory Board; Carol Blomquist, Turlock Pubic Librarian; Carmon Ingols, Adriane Holguin, Sandy Mann, Dieter Renning, Hanna Renning, and Mike Seifert.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

After corrections were made, the minutes of April 4, 2012 were approved on a motion by Jeanne and seconded by Gity. Corrections: In the librarian's report under #1, the payments for Magic Dan and Gary Lapow were to be paid from the 2011-12 budget on a motion by Pat P. and seconded by Brooks.

III. REPORTS

A. President's Report by Pat Hickman.

1. A vote was conducted via email to approve the purchase of a Whirlpool refrigerator, 9.6 cubic feet, for the library staff room at a cost of \$385.58 including a 10% discount. Vote was 9-0.

2. A discussion ensued regarding the FOTPL participation in the Stanislaus County Fair on July 18, 2012 from 3 to 11 PM. A table will be set up to give away books to children of all ages. On a motion by Jeanne and seconded by Cynthia, FOTPL will donate \$50 to help purchase these books. Hopefully, all 13 libraries will participate in this event for a total of \$650 to purchase books. We will need volunteers to help man the table, at two hour intervals on, July 18th.

3. The Modesto FOL is having its annual book sale on Saturday, May 5, 2012. We are invited to take "left-over" books at the conclusion of the sale to sell at our 2013 January book sale. FOTPL volunteers willing to help should bring boxes, arrive at 3 PM, select "left-over" books, pack them and take them to HyPower. Both Hanna, and later, Sandy asked for help as we are in need of books. Our supply of donated books has "dried up" and we need to find sources of used books.

Hanna passed around three sign-up sheets for: 1. Volunteers to pick up books from the Modesto FOL book sale. 2. Volunteers to man a table at the Farmers Market on Broadway and Main for the "Save Stanislaus Libraries" campaign on Fridays. 3. Volunteers to man the table at the Turlock library on Thursdays and Saturdays advertising the "Save Stanislaus Libraries" campaign.

B. Treasurer's Report by Jeanne Endsley.

1. Our bank balance at the end of April was \$10,550.58. The Book Bin made \$82.50 and the Friends' Bookstore made \$230.21 for the month of April. Jeanne commented that we are spending more than we are taking in. On a motion by Gity and seconded by Brooks the treasurer's report was accepted as explained.

2. On a motion by Cynthia and seconded by Jackie it was agreed to pay three bills: \$50.00 to Stanislaus County Library for books for the Fair; \$58.00 to the Turlock post office, the annual fee for our box; and \$448.58 to Carol Blomquist for supplies and the refrigerator.

3. The Safeway check of \$500 will be deposited. Next year we can donate the money to the "Save Stanislaus Libraries" campaign which then would be part of the 20% we are allowed to give for the next campaign. The problem is, "Does the "Save Stanislaus Libraries" keep a banking account open in the non-campaigning years?"

C. Membership Report from Michael via Pat.

Membership remains the same as last month. Pat reminded us that our dues are payable in June.

D. Librarian's Report by Carol Blomquist.

1. The Stanislaus County Centennial Birthday Party was a success with 154+ attendees. The children enjoyed the crafts and games and everyone enjoyed the cakes purchased by FOTPL. Carol thanked the FOTPL volunteers who helped to make the event a success.

2. Susan Guest has returned after time away for her arm/shoulder to heal. She will be having a Mother's Day Mobile Workshop on Saturday, May 5th.

3. Carol visited two schools, Brown Elementary and Crowell Elementary, to present information about libraries to their PTAs.

Gity reported that there are some library books that have a long list of reserves (as many as 80). If reserve information is available to the library, perhaps FOTPL could buy some additional books where there are excessive demands, but we would need to be kept informed of the need.

E. Publicity Report by Brooks.

1. Brooks passed a paper around for volunteers to sign up to man a table at Raley's, Fresh Market, and Julien School.

2. Brooks contacted Stan State about advertising in the school newspaper, "Signal." It was too late for the current issue, but "Save Stanislaus Libraries" would be advertised in future editions.

3. Brooks was pleased with the support the Modesto Bee has been giving the "Save Stanislaus Libraries" campaign. Brooks has sent a number of "thank-you" cards for organizations supporting Measure T.

F. "Save Stanislaus Libraries" Report by Pat P.

1. Pat reported on the number of speaking engagements she personally has attended over the last month. Vanessa Czopek and Bev Finley also attend many functions and give "campaign speeches." The number of speeches and events was impressive.

2. The fund raiser at the Carnegie Arts Center sponsored by John and Jeanne Ferrari was successful. A drawing was held for an Ansel Adams print.

3. Pat reported on the progress of telephoning the precincts. They are getting ready for a second calling which is a follow up to thank people for their support and remind them "get out and vote." Of the 55 precincts in Turlock, there are high priority precincts (some 29) determined by previous voting records. The high

priority precincts are hit hard, while others are not walked nor telephoned. For the most part, callers, "table-sitters," and campaigners have been well-received, but there is still anxiety regarding the vote.

4. Our "Measure T" signs are visible in the community. Students are still walking and delivering leaflets. "Then and Now" is available in Spanish at our tables.

5. We will have a table on the sidewalk in front of Ritzy Rags on May 12, 2012 during the Taste of Turlock to advertise "Save Stanislaus Libraries". Priscilla Peters is in charge and seeking volunteers to man this table at two hour intervals.

G. Friends' Bookstore Report by Jackie.

Jackie requested that we buy some book easels on which to display books. On a motion by Cynthia and seconded by Brooks, it was approved to spend \$25.08 from the DEMCO catalog to buy easels. Friends' have an account at DEMCO.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. Gity reported that she sold some of our "collectible books" on March 31, 2012 to a store in Berkeley. She presented \$45.00 to Jeanne to deposit for her efforts in Berkeley.

B. Dorothy went over the handout on "Responsibilities of officers, board members and major committees." Corrections were made to the treasurer's job description. Dorothy reiterated that these are guidelines for jobs and committee chairs and that they will be helpful for future members. They can be altered as necessary. We need additional information on procedures for: 1. "Save Stanislaus Libraries" campaign. 2. January Book Sale. 3. Book Bin at Ritzy Ragz. 4. Friends' Bookstore at the library.

V. NEW BUSINESS

A. Gity volunteered to be in charge of refreshments at the annual meeting at June 6, 2012.

B. We are not getting books donated to us and we have not had enough books to warrant a sorting. After the campaign, perhaps Brooks can find ways to solicit used books through letters, advertising, etc. A suggestion: get lists of people who are moving from realtors and ask those moving for their old books.

C. FOTPL needs to come up with some innovative ways to raise money. Some interesting suggestions were made which will be discussed at future meetings. Jackie volunteered to look into "Murder Mysteries" at the library.

VI. ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Cynthia and seconded by Gity the May 2012 meeting of the FOTPL was adjourned at 8:45 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Finnegan, Secretary

Next meeting of the Board of Directors will be on June 6, 2012 at 7PM.

