

**Minutes • Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Friends of the Turlock Public Library**  
**3 May 2017**  
**6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Board Members Present:** Diane Bartlett (ex officio), Linda Davenport, Phyllis Frasier (ex officio), Michael Fuller, Carmen Ingols, Pat Portwood, Dieter Renning, Mike Seifert and Barbara Wells ||  
**Friends Present:** Dorothy Finnegan, Barbara Jensen, Hal Owen, Hanna Renning and Peggy Seifert

**Call to Order:** In Jackie's absence, Carmen the meeting to order at 6:30.

**Approval of the Minutes:** One minor and one major error were noted. Dieter moved and Mike seconded the motion that the minutes of the April meeting be approved as amended. Unanimous.

**President's Report:** One of the questions raised at a recent meeting was whether we needed two meetings in June: the regular board meeting and the annual meeting. In the past, the two have occurred the same evening. It was the consensus of the Board that one is all that is needed. We agreed that it would be easiest to announce one meeting, beginning at 6:30 PM.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda reported April's income was \$347.85 and expenses, \$338.23, bringing our checking balance to \$16,973.08. The two Building Fund CD's remain the same. There was a \$100 donation received and deposited in the Building Fund Money Market account, which now stands at \$14,968.19. (Total for Building Fund: \$70,163.48.) The Board accepted the report.

**Membership Chair's Report:** Mike announced that there was one new membership received in April. The latest tally of members is: 77 individuals, 23 families, 42 life-timers: 142 TOTAL. The best news is that our newest member is interested in many of our projects. Mike suggested that we might offer free memberships, but someone pointed out that that's against our bylaws. He would still like to increase our database ... perhaps by making interested but not yet invested people honorary FOTPL Supporters or Friends of the Friends or something of that sort. He will give out literature at the Saturday Certified Farmers' Market.

**Foundation:** Pat P. gave an overview of plans for the Library Campaign. There is an official kickoff on Saturday. We are distributing information at the moment and will continue to do so until August. Pat H. and Jayne S. were at a table outside the library last week. (Guidelines for helping with the Campaign are available.) From August through very early November, there will be signs, walking precincts, phoning. We must not become complacent this time 'round: Measure L is a new tax in our county; Governor Brown has managed to get an excise tax increase of 12¢/gallon on gasoline and is raising vehicle fees; President Trump has mentioned adding a 10¢/gallon federal tax increase on gasoline. People must understand that the library tax is not a new tax: it's the renewal of a tax that foots nearly 90 percent of the bill for the entire Stanislaus County Library. Without the renewal, there will be no libraries in our county.

**Newsletter:** This month's newsletter looked particularly nice.

**Librarian's Report:** Diane announced that the Summer Reading program begins May 23 and runs through August 8. This summer's theme is Reading by Design. All prizes will be provided by the Foundation, but FOTPL is providing extra prizes: two Kindles (one for teens and one for adults) as well as gift baskets for the adult program. For weekly book drawings, the library will use children's books that either were purchased in previous years or were donations from dd's Discounts. | This year, the library will visit the summer camps organized by the City Parks & Recreation Department. There are three locations (Pitman High, Turlock High, and Marty Yerby), and there will be presentations at all three. The library staff will make weekly visits to the camp at Marty Yerby Center. They will use some of the books from dd's Discounts to circulate as honor books at that location. | The Library needs helpers at the Summer Reading Kickoff event on May 27 from 9:30 until noon. | Diane is also looking for anyone who could teach a memoir writing class. She is also looking for anyone who would be willing to go to Salida and/or Modesto to offer an Adulting 101 (or Life 1.0) class. Topics may include: finance, car maintenance, insurance basics, organic cleaning, one pot cooking (or microwave cooking or inventive cooking), what to do in an emergency, laundry and clothing maintenance (such as sewing on a button), stress management, how to register for classes at MJC. If you have (or know anyone who has) a special interest that you could present to a new adult audience, she'd like to talk to you about it!

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Budget Committee:** The 2017–2018 budget was presented. Projected income is \$14,550. Projected expenses of \$11,350 were broken down into two categories: Library Funding of \$5500 and FOTPL Operating Expenses of \$5580. The \$800 as the accountant's fee seemed excessive; we will investigate finding someone who might do a non-profit's accounts for a lower fee.

**DISCUSSION:** We are limited to 20 percent of our budget for the tax campaign. Mike moved, and Barbara seconded his motion, that we increase the budgeted \$500 to the campaign to \$2000 from this year's budget. Passed.

**Book Sale Committee:** Joan Ahlstrand, Sandy Mann and Donna Appelt gave Jackie a good overview. Jackie will be overall coordinator for the sale in 2018. The Methodist Church will keep our sale in mind as they set up their schedule for 2018.

**Farmers' Market:** Brooks will coordinate. We should think about having a presence at the Thursday night market.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Refreshments for the Annual Meeting:** Linda will provide punch, Dorothy will bring something sweet, Hal will bring cookies, Hanna will furnish something that isn't sweet ... and paper products will somehow get purchased.

**Library Advisory Board:** Dorothy Finnegan is our representative on the Advisory Board. Several things are happening. | This summer the entire Denair Library will be redone. | They're redoing the Empire Library as well. Someone donated a half-acre where they are putting a portable library. | The Modesto Friends are up to something, but I missed the details. | The library is retagging some 300,000 items. | The Turlock library's renovations are still at the budget planning stage.

**Adjournment:** At 7:40 Michael moved — followed by a quick second from Linda — that we adjourn. No dissenting voices were heard.

**Next Meeting:** Board and Annual Meeting — 7 June at 6:30 PM. Come one, come all.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael Fuller*, Secretary