

FRIENDS OF THE TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING  
NOVEMBER 2, 2011

CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order at 7:04 PM by President Pat Hickman and introductions were made.

In attendance: Pat Hickman, President; Faye Gibbs, Vice-President; Dorothy Finnegan, Secretary; Jeanne Endsley, Treasurer; Brooks Judd, Public Advocate; Michael Fuller, Membership. Board members: Nancy Frykman, Donna Lolli, Gity Miller, Christine Nielsen, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, and Cynthia Williams. Carol Blomquist, Turlock Public Librarian. Joan Ahlstrand, Sandy Mann, Dieter Renning and Hanna Renning.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Michael and seconded by Faye, the minutes of October 5, 2011 were approved.

REPORTS

PRESIDENT'S REPORT BY PAT HICKMAN

1. Pat reported that Brooks Judd as Public Advocate did a great job presenting information about the Friends of the Turlock Library at the Rotary weekly luncheon meeting which was attended by about 100 people. The Rotary had asked us to make a presentation, but did not want to hear about the upcoming election. In his speech, Brooks used information from Pat's "History of the Turlock Friends Group" which he said was excellent. Hopefully, our written history will be continued. It is currently 30 pages on computer paper.

2. A meeting of the "Yes for Libraries 2012" campaign was attended by Pat Hickman, Jayne Smith, Jackie Oyer, and Pat Portwood. The new name for the campaign is "Save Stanislaus Libraries" which will be Measure T on the ballot. Pat Portwood will be the FOTPL liaison between us and the "Save Stanislaus Libraries" committee. Vanessa Czopek said they are well on their way to raising the \$150,000 needed for the campaign. The full thrust of the campaign will start in January 2012. A timeline of activities to inform communities about the upcoming vote was discussed. The best way to talk about the tax is to talk about a renewal of 1/8 of a penny. This tax funds 87% of the Stanislaus libraries budgets.

Pat Portwood gave a report about her responsibilities as liaison. She needs volunteers to help with the campaign. Tables will be set up at coming events in Turlock manned by FOTPL who will hand out literature asking people for their help or contributions to the campaign. Hopefully, we will have people at the Church Crafts Fair on November 10, 11, and 12 and at the Public Library on November 22 and at the Christmas Parade on December 3, 2011.

3. Vanessa Czopek spoke at the County Board of Supervisors meeting on October 11, 2011 to get the "Save Stanislaus Libraries" vote on the June ballot. Ten people spoke in favor of the measure. The Board of Supervisors voted 5 to 0 to put the measure on the ballot. Vanessa will again speak at the Board meeting on November 15, 2011 at 6:30 to give the final Stanislaus Library budget for 2010-2011.

4. Vanesa Czopek, Carol Blomquist and Pat Hickman will attend the Turlock City Council meeting on December 13, 2011. They are asking for the City Council to vote to support the tax measure.

5. Pat reported that "Off Center Thrift & Gift" has donated \$2,000.00 to the FOTPL. They wanted to be reassured that the money was not used for the campaign. The \$2,000 will be spent on CDs and DVDs and materials for the children's program. Gity circulated a thank you card to the "Off Center Thrift & Gift" to be signed by all of us, and Brooks wrote a letter of thank you to them. Brooks will personally deliver both the thank you card and the thank you letter to "Thrift & Gift." Brooks also wrote a letter to the Turlock Rotary Club thanking them for the opportunity to speak about the FOTPL. A big thank you goes to Gity and Brooks.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT GIVEN BY JEANNE

1. Jeanne gave a compact 1 page report. Under miscellaneous, there will be income from an Agnes Bennett fund. It was asked in her obituary to donate money to the Friends of the Turlock Public Library. Agnes was a long time supporter of the FOTPL. On a motion by Cynthia and seconded by Michael, the report was accept as explained.

2. On a motion by Christine and seconded by Gity, four bills submitted to Jeanne will be paid: to DEMCO submitted by Susan Guest for \$132.24; to Harrison Gibbs for repairs for \$6.40; to Upstart submitted by Susan Guest for \$120.88; and to AHAF \$80.00 for our annual fee for medium sized libraries.

#### MEMBERSHIP REPORT GIVEN BY MICHAEL

Currently there are 182 new and renewing members and 54 life time members for a total of 236 member which is 17 members more since last month.

#### LIBRARIAN'S REPORT GIVEN BY CAROL BLOMQUIST

1. Carol thanked both Gity and Brooks for their efforts in getting the \$2,000.00 donation from "Off Center Thrift & Gift."

2. The California Library Association awarded the Stanislaus County Library second place in programming for our Stanislaus Reads program in which they encouraged people to read selected books and in which special activities were put on over the summer.

3. Carol is moving forward with getting ProQuest to put Turlock Journal on microfilm

4. There was a discussion of what to do with the old Turlock High School yearbooks stored at the public library. We will try to sell them at the FOTPL at our annual book sale in January 2012. Prices to be determined. Remaining books will be donated to the Turlock High School library.

#### FRIENDS' BOOKSTORE COMMITTEE REPORT BY JACKIE OYER

Jackie reported there were 15 volunteers currently working in the Bookstore and last month's income was \$323.46.

## OLD BUSINESS

1. Book Sorting - Sandy reported we currently have 17 pallets of books. There may be one more book sorting before the annual sale in January. We have another donation of 5,000 books which Sandy is looking into. We may sort at the person's house.
2. Dorothy reported on the committee dealing with responsibilities of officers, board members and committees. Progress is being made. We would like procedures for Book Sorting, the Book Store, the Book Bin, our Annual Book Sale, the Nomination Committee, Newsletter editor and Treasurer. This information should be emailed to Michael Fuller as Dorothy will be out of town. The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Historian, and Public Advocate are done. There was a discussion about the Parliamentarian. Past precedent has put the responsibility on any one of the past presidents. Should this continue? Dorothy would like to see the name of Brooks' s job shortened to Public Advocate.
3. Hanna reported that there would be an organizational meeting to prepare for the Annual Book Sale on November 15. Joan brought up that they would like to discontinue the 1/2 price sale of books coming from the Book Bin to the Book Sale. The Book Sale will be January 26, 27, and 28, 2012 with set up on January 25th.

## NEW BUSINESS

1. Christine distributed an 8 page handout of "Collectible Books Collection of the FOTPL." These are old, nostalgic and valuable books that the FOTPL has had for some time. She will be sending the list to other Friends groups, to Yesterday's Books in Modesto, Lightly Used Books in Turlock and to other book stores in the area and maybe get some buyer for these books. The books will be offered at the annual Book Sale in January 2012.
2. Articles for the FOTPL Newsletter should be turned into Susan Herm-Lauber by November 15th for the December Newsletter.

## ADJOURNMENT

On a motion by Michael and seconded by Brooks, the meeting was adjourned at 8:46 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Finnegan  
Secretary

NEXT BOARD MEETING: Wednesday, December 7, 2011 at 7 PM @ Turlock Library