

FRIENDS OF THE TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
OCTOBER 5, 2011

CALL TO ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS

The meeting was called to order 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.

Board Members: Nancy Frykman, Christine Nielsen and Gity Miller. Carol Blomquist, Turlock Public Librarian. Jayne Smith and Patricia Portwood.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: On a motion by Faye and seconded by Gity the minutes of September 7, 2011 were approved.

REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT BY PAT

1. Gretchen Williams has regrettably missed three consecutive Board meetings and has declined being a Board member. As per our Bylaws, Pat Hickman has appointed Patricia Portwood as Gretchen's replacement to the Board of Directors. This met with approval by the Board. Pat P. introduced herself to us.

2. There will be a County Board of Supervisors meeting on October 11, 2011 at their Chambers at 1010 Tenth Street, Modesto at which time Vanessa Czopek will be presenting information about the "Yes for Libraries 2012" campaign. Pat asked if some of us would attend this meeting and perhaps speak in support of libraries. Carol Blomquist and Pat Hickman will be attending. Others are needed.

3. The "Yes for Libraries 2010" fund raiser planned for the Carnegie Arts Center by Jeani Ferrari has been rescheduled for the spring of 2012.

4. National Friends of Libraries Week will be October 16-22, 2011 which is a time to promote our FOTPL in the community, to raise awareness and recruit members. We thought it was too late this year to do any celebration, but Brooks said he would submit articles to the newspapers. We will put it on the agenda for 2012. One suggestion was to do a display case in the entrance to the library.

5. Susan Lilly forwarded information to us about purchasing shirts with the "Friends of the Library" logo. An information paper was circulated with specifics on how to purchase such shirts.

6. Ellen Dambroisio, the membership director for the Friends of the Modesto Library, submitted an article to be put in the FOL Newsletters particularly earmarked for teachers. Carol read the article which talks about library funding, encourages teachers to become members of the FOL, and discusses acquiring a Script Card.

To get to library information go to <http://stanislauslibrary.org>. Click on About the Library, the top item in the left frame, and then on Friends of the Library. Each of the 13 Friends groups are listed here. This is where our monthly FOTPL minutes are posted.

7. There has been a discussion to change the name of the "Yes for Libraries 2012" campaign to something advertising the urgency of the situation.

TREASURER'S REPORT GIVEN BY JEANNE

1. Jeanne said she would discuss the Script Card at our next meeting.
2. On a motion by Fay and seconded by Gity, the following bills will be paid: \$76.17 to our Handyman Harrison for supplies for repair; \$58.02 to Susan Guest for supplies for children's programs; \$289.95 for renewals to magazines and a newspaper for the Turlock Library; and \$66.29 to Carol Blomquist for the purchase of a new microwave for the lunch room.
3. On a motion by Christine and seconded by Pat P. the Treasurer's Report was accepted as explained. The Friends Book Store made \$237.99 for the month of September.
4. Pat Hickman suggested that Jeanne keep a separate log for the income and expenditures for the Friends Book Store. This would make it easier for the County to audit the process. The method of keeping the account will be determined by Jeanne.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT GIVEN BY PAT HICKMAN

Currently there are 165 new and renewing members and 54 lifetime members for a total of 219 members.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT BY CAROL BLOMQUIST

1. Carol presented Pat with a certificate from the Stanislaus County Board of Supervisors acknowledging and commending her on receiving the "Joan Patterson Stellar Achievement Award." This special award is named in honor of Joan Patterson who has been a life-long library supporter dedicating her time and talent to both the Friends of the Modesto Library for 30 years and The Stanislaus Library Foundation for 16 years. This award was presented to Pat from the Stanislaus County for her volunteer efforts and advocacy for the FOTPL. Information about the award and other Shining Star Awards is found on the Internet.
2. Carol reported about the cost of microfilming the Turlock Journal by ProQuest as there are almost 3 years of Turlock Journals stacked up. There is \$2000 allotted in the budget for microfilming. On a motion by Faye and seconded by Pat P, it was agreed to go ahead with the microfilm project.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Dorothy reported that job descriptions for president, public advocate, and treasurer were handed out and asked that they be returned with corrections from Pat, Brooks, and Jeanne at the Nov. 5th meeting.
2. Fay reported that she has been in contact with the Vintage Fair Mall regarding the money that needs to be cleared and cleaned out of its water fountain once a year. The money goes to non-profit organizations. In 2010-11, the money went to the Friends of the Modesto Library and in 2011-12 the money went to a local 4-H group. The next clean out will be in June 2012. Beginning in January 2012, Posters will be placed in the Mall advertising for the fountain

cleanout. What a great way to bring people into the Mall. We would need to write a letter of interest and fill out an application to apply for the privilege of clearing out and cleaning up the money. What a great idea for us!

3. Jeanne said she would look into the possibility of having a booth at the Turlock Farmers Market in 2012. This would be good advertisement for FOTPL.

4. Brooks reported that he has submitted the application and been in touch several times with "Off Center Thrift and Gift" store. He was asked to itemize specifically what purchases would be made. The Board of "Thrift and Gift" will be meeting within the next couple of weeks to make decisions regarding allocation of money.

5. The Fund Raiser by Eileen Hamilton was cancelled.

NEW BUSINESS

1. We congratulated Brooks on his perseverance and the appearance of his article regarding book stores of the FOTPL in the Modesto Bee on October 23, 2011. It was an advocacy letter for the Friends group.

2. Brooks passed around a letter that he has written directed to the principals of Turlock schools advocating the Friends of the Turlock Library. It talks about children's books available for possible classroom libraries. Hopefully, this will be more effective than the book marks he placed in teachers' mailboxes.

3. There was a reminder about the book sorting to be held at October 10-13 at HyPower from 9 -11 AM.

ADJOURNMENT:

On a motion by Brooks and seconded by Jeannie the meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dorothy Finnegan, Secretary

Next Board Meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 2011 @ 7 PM @ Turlock Public Library.