

FRIENDS of the TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY
MINUTES
OCT. 7, 2015

BOARD MEMBERS in ATTENDANCE: Jackie Oyer, Mike Seifert, Carmen Ingols, Gity Miller, Dieter Renning, Pat Rubalcava, Chris Hughes, Hal Owen, & Pat Hickman

NON-BOARD MEMBERS in ATTENDANCE: Diane Bartlett (Turlock Librarian), Diane McDonnell (Stanislaus County Librarian), Jayne Smith, Joan Ahlstrand, Dorothy Finnegan, Hanna Renning, & Phyllis Frasier

CALL to ORDER: Jackie called the meeting to order at 6:30

MINUTES: On a motion by Pat H. and Hal the minutes were read and approved unanimously

The county librarian is presenting this evening so all reports will be short.

PRESIDENTS REPORT: Jackie informed us that we had received a \$2500 donation from dd's DISCOUNT (new store in Turlock.)

TREASURER REPORT: Carmen gave the report in Linda's absence. Bills were read and approved. See prepared report from treasurer. Current funds available for use - \$35,703.67

MEMBERSHIP: Hal reported we have 182 memberships; 221 counting families, etc.

FOUNDATION: Since Pat P. was not here we tabled with this report until next month.

NEWSLETTER: Phyllis said the newsletter would be published at the end of February. Those wishing to submit an article please send it to Phyllis as soon as possible.

TURLOCK LIBRARIAN REPORT: Diane Bartlett reported said the last month had been a good, and fun time. Many reports stated that the library experience was a positive one. She passed out the October calendar showing all the events for this month and reminded us that October 18 – 24 is National Friends of the Library Week and teen Read Week. Reminded us that our Friends organization is hosting a local VIP after hour's event on October 29th. All board members are encouraged to attend; the event will last approximately 1 hour. We are hoping show the local leaders what the library does and why we need a much larger building. The first Teen Advisory board meeting will be this month; hopefully the teens can advise on the type of programs they want and give us feedback for book orders, etc. Serving on the board can be used for their community service hours. Diane also passed a sign up sheet around asking for volunteers for the annual Halloween activities.

STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARIAN: Diane McDonnell met with us this evening to explain the 5 Year Plan for the county. She asked us for suggestions.

Plans for the library for the next 5 years is a part of this plan. Diane had requested that we submit questions in advance as well as ask them during this presentation; she tried to answer these questions during her report to us. The County Librarian (Diane McDonnell) gave a detailed summary of how the 5 year plan is designed and how we (Turlock FOL) could be a part of creating the plan if we want to be involved. The five year plan for the county is a plan for everything the county is responsible for – libraries are only apart of the plan and Turlock Library is just one of 13 libraries in the county. A new plan is created every 5 years.

Diane opened by telling us everyone is aware that Turlock needs a larger library; this one has served us for nearly 50 years and is no longer adequate for the area's needs. The county owns our current library building. Turlock needs a larger library and one with adequate parking space. Apparently the building we are now in has been evaluated (more than once) and deemed inadequate for the community needs; mostly due to ordinances.

At this time, the county is still paying off the cost of the Salida Library. When this is accomplished a new fund will be started to improve or replace other branch libraries. The Salida Library may be paid for by 2017/18. County Public Facility Funds (PFF) is the source of funding these projects. Hopefully, partnerships will be formed to build or renovate a structure to house the new library. Partnerships with the city, business groups, etc could start a building fund, etc. Once partnerships are formed, the county could possibly get a percentage of the funds by “matching” them.

Time-Line for the strategic plan: - Once the 5-year plan is started a feasibility study would be necessary to determine the plausibility of the new library. The first report on the plan is due at the end of October. A survey, on-line and in person, is to be completed. Next step is to interview the leaders in each community (businesses, mayors, council persons, Friends of the Library, etc. to make sure their interests are included in the plan. Then there would be groups meeting to get a consensus for what is needed. The next step to hire a consultant and work with them to write the plan. Hopefully, the county will be looking at this by the end of November. It will be reviewed by looking at the Strong, Weak, Threats (challenges), and Opportunities in January. Then, in January there will be 'town hall' meetings and workshops for the community's input. The initial plan should be ready in June and the final plan ready in late July. It should be ready to implement in August 2016. The Friends groups can help with the survey, suggesting people to be on the group writing the consensus reports, be at the town meetings and workshops. All of this timing needs to be in conjunction with the next renewal of 1/8-cent tax measure for our libraries.

OLD BUSINESS: Reviewed the plans for the Open House at the Turlock Library for the local VIPs (City Council members, Mayor, Department Heads, Chamber of Commerce, etc. Event is 10/29 from 5:30 to 6:30 pm. Hopefully the tour of the library will bring their attention to the fact we need a larger library for our area.

NEW BUSINESS: A motion by Dieter/Gity stated we should start a library-building fund for \$25,000 to show the community we are seriously wanting a new library. This

fund could be advertised and we could encourage donations from businesses, service organizations, and individuals. Much discussion about the amount of money we wanted to put in reserve for the building fund and how we could publicize the need to raise money for a new library. We can utilize our newsletter, the newspaper, a thermometer sign in library showing the money pledge and our goal. Motions were passed unanimously.

On motion by Pat H. and Gity the meeting was adjourned at 7:55 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Acting Secretary
Patricia Hickman

Next meeting at 6:30 on November 4, 2015