

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
7 September 2016
6:30 – 8:00 PM, Turlock Library

Board Members Present: Diane Bartlett (Turlock Regional Librarian, *ex officio*), Linda Davenport, Michael Fuller, Pat Hickman, Carmen Ingols, , Brooks Judd, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, Dieter Renning, Pat Rubalcalva, Mike Seifert and Sabra Stafford.

Others Present: Hanna Renning and Jayne Smith.

Call to Order: Jackie called the meeting to order at 6:30 sharp.

Minutes: Pat R. moved and Brooks seconded her motion that the minutes of the August meeting be approved. Passed unanimously.

Reports:

President: Jackie reported that T-shirts are 50/50 blend in white with S – XL sizes. The minimum order is 20 with a one-time \$60 fee for any artwork: ergo \$202.21 for 20 shirts. The Board agreed to drop the idea. | She also reported that we need more volunteers at the Friends' Bookstore (in the Turlock Library), especially now that the library is open on Fridays and that several volunteers have moved on to other things. | Jackie also asked if a group of Friends might be interested in an Adopt-a-Poll on election day. Several people added their names to the sign-up sheet. Each volunteer will work a half-day — but the days are long: 6 AM until 10 PM. Volunteers will donate their honoraria to the Friends.

Treasurer: Linda reported that income during the month of August had been \$1074.50 while expenses had totaled \$315.56, bringing our checking balance up to \$14,608.94. Our CD is still worth just \$7,329.11. There are two Library Building Fund CDs, one for \$25,150 and another for \$30,000. There is also a Library Building Fund money market account, into which donations of \$125.75 have been deposited, for a total of \$10,194.16. The Gallison Fund CD, from which only the interest is available to the Friends, remains at \$6868.67. Her report was accepted unanimously.

Membership: Mike said we currently have 81 members, an increase of one. The current breakdown is 26 individual memberships, 14 family memberships and 41 life members. He reported that approximately sixteen application envelopes had been handed out during our presence at the Farmers' Market on 18 August. Twenty membership and building fund donation envelopes and ten FOTPL August 2016 newsletters will be available for distribution at September's Market. There are also ten "premium" invitation envelopes available: each includes a membership application, a building fund donation letter, the May and August 2016 newsletters and a return envelope.

Foundation: Pat P. reported that about 50 people attended the Party at the Library on 19 August. This year the Foundation highlighted the 1000-books-before-kindergarten program. | She also said that only about 90 had signed up so far for the authors' gala on 24 August. | The ballot issue for next year, to continue the "library tax" of ½-cent sales tax, is moving along: the drive in support of the tax has generated about \$47,000 so far. She added that there will be a meeting of all the Friends' groups at the Salida library on 8 October from 10:00 AM until noon to share ideas for the tax campaign.

Newsletter: Phyllis could not attend the meeting.

Librarian's Report: Town hall meetings are projected for the strategic plan for the Turlock and Denair branches. No dates have been set, but they're looking at late September or early October. | Diane announced that now library patrons can pay fines of \$3 and up online. | Veronica has been transferred to the Keyes branch, and Jim McCoy has taken over her duties here, including adult programs. | The library received a thank-you letter from the Kindle winner. This was part of the Summer Reading Program. | There will be a new program for teens beginning on Wednesday afternoons from 2:00 until 5:00 called Crafternoons. | Roald Dahl's birthday will be celebrated at the library with a search for "the golden ticket." The winner will receive, appropriately, movie tickets. | Pirate Week is 19–24 September this year. There will be a presentation of *Tommy's Pirate Adventure* by Sacramento's Puppet Art Theater on the 17th at 3:00 PM. | An eResources class will take place on the 12th at 4:00 PM. | A mystery readers' book club will begin on the 19th at 10:00 AM. | Julie Richardson will present a session on estate planning, also on the 19th, at 6:00 PM. | Coming up in October will be a month-long Letters of Gratitude (for military personnel and veterans) project. See full details at www.operationgratitude.com.

Farmers' Market: FOTPL will be at the Market on 10 September. Carmen and Jackie will have the 8:00 – 10:00 shift, and Pat H. and Pat R. will be there from 10:00 until noon.

Book Sale: We normally have the book sale the weekend before the Super Bowl, which will be on 5 February, 2017. Hanna had requested the large venue at the Methodist Church for 24–28 January, but that facility is booked for at least one of those dates. In the meantime, donations continue to pour in.

Tea/Fashion Show: Eighty-one tickets have already been purchased for the tea, and everything is essentially ready to go although at the moment there are only about a dozen auction items. Sabra promised an article in the *Journal*. Key Club members from Turlock High will help at the tea and, we hope, at the booksale (where we could really use them for clean-up). Barbara J. distributed a sheet with the committee members' email addresses and phone numbers.

County Library Website and Calendar: Barbara Jensen had spoken with Diane McDonnell, our county librarian, about the website. She too would like to see the website more user friendly, perhaps by simply simplifying it. *Quelle idée splendide!* Meanwhile, the Turlock branch will have a no-frills calendar available to those who want it.

Next Month's Meeting: The next board will begin at 6:30 PM on 5 October 2016.

Adjournment: At 7:29 PM Dieter moved and Brooks and Michael simultaneously seconded that the meeting be adjourned. The motion must have passed.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller
Recording Secretary