



Friends of the Modesto Library
Board of Directors Meeting
June 1, 2016
Modesto Library Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 6:30 by President Christine Brereton.

Officers and Directors present: Anne Britton, Cande Brody, Christine Brereton, Jonaca Driscoll, Ellen Dambrosio, Jean Haven, Maree Hawkins, Denise Nordell, Pam Pallios, Cathie Peck, Carmen Pedrioli
Kristine Ezovski, The Little Shop Manager
Absent: Directors: Judy Pierce, Barbara Quinn
Michael Leamy, Modesto Library Manager

Minutes of the General Membership Meeting, March 2, 2016, were approved.

REPORTS

Librarian's Report: Christine reported on Modesto Library updates provided by County Librarian Diane Mc Donnell.

1. County strategic planning is in progress by an outside firm.
2. The library has purchased a program for patrons to pay fines online.
3. The portico project to fill in the aggregate has been completed.
4. The shipping and receiving dock fencing is finished, and the area can now be locked.
5. The Library Tax Initiative had its first fund raising event. Although not well attended, they do have a volunteer to do the website.
6. Discussion is underway to open the library on Fridays, with a possible starting date of July 8th.

President's Report: Christine Brereton

Olga Cardenas' report:

The Teen Book Clubs at the Juvenile Commitment Facility and Juvenile Hall are very successful and serving between 50-75 youth per month. They are much appreciated not only by the boys attending, but also by the staff of the county and the Probation Department.

Jonaca shared that she is being processed and hopes to soon to be able to volunteer with this book club project.

Membership: Ellen Dambrosio

Ellen noted the decline in membership this year. 58 of the 2015 members have not yet renewed, and there are 97 lapsed members from 2010 - 2014. After discussion it was decided that she would send out a reminder by mail including a self-addressed, stamped envelope to those not paying since 2011 with the hopes of getting a better response.

Denise and Maree will assist in composing a letter sharing the worthwhile projects FOML supports. Also to be included is a questionnaire asking those not renewing to share why they chose not to participate again.

Ellen sent around a list of those who had not renewed their membership to see if Board members could personally contact any of them.

Fundraising:

Earning power has declined considerably since the S.H.A.R.E.S program switched to eScrip despite Ellen's efforts to encourage membership to sign up for the new program. The goal will be to get more members signed up for eScrip (which now includes Save Mart, FoodMaxx, Lucky, O'Brien's and online shopping at over 1000 stores) and Raley's. She will also look into registering FOML for the Amazon Smile program.

Treasurer's Report: Jonaca Driscoll

March 1, 2016 - May 31, 2016

Expenses:	\$ 1,147.36
B of A debit card	\$ 75.32
Income:	\$ 5,421.56
PayPal Balance:	\$ 247.89
Little Shop at Bank of America Balance	\$ 4,963.57
FOML Checking Account Balance:	\$ 17,661.86
FOML Savings Account Balance:	\$ 1,707.20

Little Shop Report: Kristine Ezovski

3/01/16 - 5/31/16	Net Income:	\$199.17
Revenue:	\$ 233.00	Expenses: \$ 33.83
7/01/15 - 5/31/16	Net income:	\$495.76
Revenue:	\$ 846.50	Expenses: \$ 350.74

Kristine will be starting a full-time job so may be needing assistance with the management of the Little Shop. Names of possible helpers were mentioned.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. FOML Budget Committee Meeting Report: Jonaca Driscoll

Jonaca reviewed the FOML Proposed Budget for the Year 7/1/16 - 6/30/17.

Budget items were clarified and questions answered. Discussion ensued and suggestions made. It was agreed that cash reserves from savings would be used if necessary to cover expenses.

Jonaca will submit a revised budget at the September meeting for approval.

A recommendation was made to more actively pursue the financial support of corporations for our programs.

ACTION: Motion to immediately send the \$3,000 budgeted for the 2015-16 year to Save Stanislaus Library was made by Anne and seconded by Pam. Passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion to increase from \$2,000 to \$3,000 in the coming year the amount budgeted for Save Stanislaus Library was made by Anne and seconded by Pam. Passed unanimously.

ACTION: Motion to approve the budget with the changes discussed was made by Denise and seconded by Cande. Passed unanimously.

2. FOML officers' duty assignments

Maree and Denise, as next year's presidents, suggested that this be deferred until the next meeting. There are plans to set up committees to take on functions individuals have been doing. Some of the secretary's duties may need to be shared.

Clare Noonan has resigned as Newsletter editor because of her busy schedule.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Dia de los Niños/Libros (4/2/16) : Anne Britton

Close to 700 people attended and over 600 new children's books were donated by FOML. It was a big success.

2. Scholastic Book Sale: Anne Britton

Sale was very successful for FOML and the community even though there was a surprise reduction in the discount on book prices from 50% to 25%. (Next year it will also be a 25% discount.)

Total income estimate was \$1,052 cash proceeds with other proceeds of 400 books with a value \$2,270. FOML volunteers worked 126 hours at this event.

This is the 11th year that Anne has organized the Customer Appreciation

Warehouse Sale for Scholastic and all of her expertise, time, and energy is much appreciated.

3. Scholastic Book Fair: Anne Britton

Anne would like to retire from heading up the Fall Book Fair, but she volunteered to co-chair this event.

4. Omega Nu grant: Anne Britton

FOML has applied for a \$1000 grant from Omega Nu to promote early childhood literacy. Anne proposed that we arrange for an author's visit. Omega Nu will be deciding this month as to whether to give its final approval.

ACTION: A motion was made by Ellen that Anne and a committee proceed to explore the options for the \$1000 Omega Nu grant and keep us posted at the next meeting. It was seconded by Cathie and approved unanimously.

5. Used Book Sale (5/7/16): Cathie Peck

The sale was well attended and earned \$2,150.

Since this is the last year that Clare Noonan will be organizing this, Denise suggested that a committee get together and plan a means of recognizing her for all her years of work.

ACTION: A motion was made by Jonaca that Cathie and Maree come up with a legacy to Clare, spending up to \$150. It was seconded by Anne and approved unanimously.

6. Imagination Library Report : Cathie Peck

Three new schools have been added to this Stanislaus READS! program. Cathie, a Champion at Burbank School, reported on the success of the parent workshop Olga recently presented at her school. Seventeen families attended and each received a gift bag with supplies for their child.

7. Kids Day Stanislaus County Fair (7/14/16) book giveaway

Please save the date, as volunteers will be needed.

OTHER

1. Review of FOML calendar of events for 2016-2017 year:

Anne compiled a list and will be sending it out to board members.

Cande Brody has agreed to organize the Halloween Parade.

2. Kristine Ezovski was congratulated for receiving the Shining Star Award by the Stanislaus Library Foundation. The article in the May FOML Newsletter shared why she was so deserving and thanked her for her years of service.

3. Christine thanked the current board members for all their support during the past two years. Everyone there received a lovely basil plant from her as a thank you.

4. Christine was thanked for all her hard work and dedication to FOML as President throughout the past two years.

5. Agenda items for the next FOML Board Meeting (9/7/16):
Officers' duty assignments and calendar review

CALENDAR

May 24 - August 9, 2016	Summer Reading Challenge for children, teens, & adults
June 18, 2016	All Friends Meeting (10 -12 p.m.), Salida Regional Library
June 18, 2016	All Teens Craft Fair
July 1, 2016	FOML officers and all board members - new term begins
July 14, 2016	Kids Day at the Stanislaus County Fair - book giveaway
September 7, 2016	FOML Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on September 7, 2016

Jean Haven, Secretary