

**FRIENDS OF THE MODESTO LIBRARY
MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS &
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP**

MARCH 4, 2009

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Prior to the meeting, President Stella Beratlis handed out a packet with agenda, Treasurer's and Membership reports, and her report:

Last year, I stepped into the presidency of the Friends of the Modesto Library (FOML). Although I had no leadership background with FOML, I had the confidence of our wonderful board, support and encouragement from library management and staff, and a vision for a revitalized Friends group that **actively supports** the Modesto Library.

We have made many accomplishments in the past year:

- We officially changed our name from the group's original name, Friends of the Modesto-Stanislaus Library to the simpler title *Friends of the Modesto Library*
- Our membership increased 17% and our member tracking process was greatly streamlined and improved thanks to Membership Coordinator Ellen Dambrosio
- Thanks to the efforts of Anne Britton, the FOML made a total of \$2,076 from two Scholastic book sales, with the help of 45 volunteers, most of whom worked at both sales
- We donated \$1300 worth of books to local nonprofits serving children and teens in the community through Wish List donations and credited volunteer hours at the book sales
- We were chosen as recipients of ticket sales for last year's Hand Born Craft Bazaar, and our involvement in selling raffle tickets earned us \$600
- We established a Web site, modestolibraryfriends.org, plus a presence on two social networking sites, MySpace and Facebook
- We received a total of \$935 in donations from our loyal and ever-supportive members
- We made it possible for the library to present five children's programs so that hundreds of children and their families could enjoy high-quality, educational presentations
- We started a scrapbook to document and present our work to the public, thanks to the efforts of Marietta Bradford
- We financially supported the Ryan's Tree project, which is now the jewel of the Modesto Library
- We began collaborating with the Modesto Library's program coordinator on workshops and presentations targeting adults
- We are in the process of proposing a Friends-run gift shop to the Board of Supervisors

She also made announcements:

- The Friends of the Salida Library is conducting a used book sale this week.
- A meeting will be held on March 14, 2009 at the Modesto Library from 9-11 a.m. for any and all involved in library Friends groups in Stanislaus County.
- An Estate Planning presentation will be held at the Modesto Library at 1 p.m. on March 14, 2009.
- A Poetry Workshop will be held April 18, 2009 at 1 p.m., also at the Modesto Library.

SPEAKER

The membership was treated to a lively presentation by Joan Bowen Cardoza. She spoke about how and why she worked with friends and family to create and publish two books: *Friends and Memories: A Collection of Recipes* and *More Friends and More Memories: Another Collection of Recipes*.

MEETING

The formal meeting was called to order at 7:55 p.m. in the conference room of the Modesto Library.

ATTENDANCE

Board Members present included Stella Beratlis, Joan Patterson, Jonaca Driscoll, Anne Britton, and Ellen Dambrosio as well as the manager for the Modesto library Charles Teval, County Librarian Vanessa Czopek, and numerous guests and members.

MINUTES

On a motion by Jonaca and second by Ellen, the minutes of the December 3, 2008 meeting were approved as submitted.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following nominee officers and directors were presented by Stella. There were no additional nominations by those attending. On a motion by Jonaca and a second by Ellen, the entire slate was approved by the general membership. The Directors take their positions as of this date.

- President – Stella Beratlis
- Vice-President – Joan Patterson
- Secretary – Tracy Sahn
- Treasurer – Jonaca Driscoll
- Director, Membership – Ellen Dambrosio
- Director, Activities – Barbara Quinn
- Director, Book Sales – Anne Britton
- Director – Peggy Gardiner

TREASURER’S REPORT

Jonaca Driscoll reported the following assets as of February 28, 2009:

Checking	\$3,998.36
Savings	\$1,282.83
Peti Taylor Checking	\$ 600.00
Peti Taylor CD	\$1,690.01
TOTAL	\$7,571.20

Expenditures since the last meeting include:

Postage	\$ 254.80
Open House Book Costs	\$ 74.72
Secretary of State Filing	\$ 20.00
Name Tags	\$ 34.34
Register URL	\$ 10.00
FOLUSA Membership	\$ 40.00
TOTAL	\$ 433.86

Income since the last meeting includes:

Memberships	\$ 685.00
Donations	\$ 735.98
TOTAL	\$1420.98

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Charles Teval announced several upcoming events at the Modesto Library. Those with an asterisk are funded in whole or part by the Friends.

- Teen Movie on March 11
- Teen Game Night with Wii and board games March 25
- *Peti Taylor Memorial will present *Activated Storytellers* on April 11
- *Poetry workshop will be held April 18
- **Caterpillar Puppets* will perform in celebration of Dia de los Niños/Dia de los Libros on May 2
- *Scholastic 50% Off sale of new children's book is tentatively set for May 27-June 1, 2009

FUNDING REQUESTS: Charles presented the Modesto Library's annual funding request for 2009/2010 and asked that the Friends Board respond as early as possible. Because a recent bequest will cover special event programs for children next year, the request is for mostly physical items such as seating and shelving, replacement DVDs, plus a \$500 request for programming for adult audiences.

ACTION TAKEN: **Stella will call a meeting** to consider and adopt a budget for 2009/2010 before the regular June meeting.

GIFT STORE STATUS: Vanessa Czopek reported when asked that the issue will come before the County Board of Supervisors, but no date has been set. She will notify the Friends once the item is on the Supervisors' agenda.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Ellen Dambrosio said that there were 39 memberships paid through 2009 plus 17 memberships paid in 2009 which will expire later in 2009. This is a 17% increase over last year. The 56 memberships reflect more actual people because many are family memberships. She estimates that 84 people are currently active members. All memberships paid after mid-October 2008 will be good through 2009, now that the Board has established the membership year to coincide with the calendar year of January to December.

Winning names were drawn for copies of *Twilight* and *Breaking Dawn*. New and renewal memberships received in December and January were eligible. Winners of *Twilight* were Emily Desreumaux and Joanne Meinhardt. Collen Bare won *Breaking Dawn* then generously donated the copy to the Teen Movie Night drawing. Door prize winner of a canvas book bag donated by Scholastic was Gillian Wegener.

OTHER ITEMS

Members offered a number of helpful ideas on sister organizations, such as the McHenry Museum and Historical Society boards and docents, to **reach out to for new members and involvement** with the Friends of the Modesto Library.

Jim Sterling [jwsterling@comcast.net] rose to invite anyone interested in a **Friends group being established for the Empire Public Library** to contact him or Branch Manager, Heather Bailey [hbailey@scfl.lib.ca.us].

A lively discussion brought up a list of organizations and venues for possible **speaking opportunities** where Friends involvement and support could be generated. Some of the ideas included MICL and the Retired Teachers Association.

AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING:

- Consideration of funding requests
- Adoption of a budget for 2009/2010

- Update on May Book Sale
- Gift Store update

The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:25 p.m. The next quarterly Board of Directors meeting will be on **June 3, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room.** An additional meeting will be called before then by the President.

Dated: 25 March 2009. Respectfully submitted,

Anne Britton, Secretary