



Friends of the Modesto Library
General Membership Meeting
March 20, 2015
Modesto Library

Meeting called to order at 7:05 by President Christine Brereton.

Directors present: Ellen Dambrosio, Christine Brereton, Kathy Johnson, Jonaca Driscoll, Anne Britton, Susan Hannah, Cathie Peck, Barbara Quinn

Directors absent: Judy Pierce

Guests: Susan Lilly, Joanne Smith, George Smith, Diane McDonnell, RJ Mariconi, Michael Leamy, Jean Haven, Pam Pallios, Renate Glinskas, Joanne Meinhardt, Clare Noonan

Minutes of the March 3rd meeting are being revised.

Librarian's Report: Michael Leamy:

- Michael once again thanked the FOML for continued monetary support.
- Reported that from July to the present over 550,000 items were checked out from the library and 15,000 new items purchased.
- Suggested that each of the members of FOML introduce new friends to the library.

President's Report: Christine Brereton

1-Following are some highlights and events the Modesto Library achieved, with the help of FOML:

March--Cooking program and Scrapbooking Workshop.

April--Dia de los Ninos/Libros was attended by 850 people. FOML donated \$1000 for supplies and 375 books were distributed to children.

May--Used Book Sale made \$3270.96 which was matched by The Beard Family Companies for a total of \$6541.92. Scholastic ½ Off New Book for Kids netted \$1000 from Scholastic, \$52.00 in cash donations and 391 books worth \$1289.17.

June--\$17,215 in Library requests

- *Library Collections-\$5000
- *Dia de los Ninos/Libros-\$1000
- *Adult Programming support- \$1,500
- *Library Equipment-\$2,000
- *Donated \$2,400 to Save Stanislaus Libraries

July--\$200 donated for books given to children at the Stanislaus County Fair

October—Donated \$100 to buy cookies, paper goods and gift cards presented at the Halloween Parade.

November—Scholastic Book Fair-Received credit amounting to \$1611.11 to make purchases for the library. Over \$900 in books were distributed to 8 local agencies through generous donations.

2- Christine recognized FOML champions:

- *Dittos for print donations including FOML Newsletters
- *Beard Land Improvement Co for warehouse space and matching grant for the used book sale.
- *O'Brien's, Raleys and Save Mart for affinity card programs.
- *Omega Nu's generous support for the Dinner Theatre program.

3-Christine recognized FOML heroes:

- *Clare Noonan for editing the quarterly newsletter
- *Susan Windemuth for newsletter layout
- *Sheri Darrough as FOML webmaster
- *Kristine Ezovski as volunteer General Manager of the Little Shop

Treasurer's Report: Jonaca Driscoll

Pay Pal - \$1095.64

Little Shop Bank of America: \$4,605.51

FOML checking: \$31,965.40

FOML Savings: \$1707.05

Membership: Ellen Dambrosio

Membership renewals are lacking as Ellen continues to reach out to past members.

ACTION: Motion to accept the slate of officers to take office on July 1 was made by Anne and seconded by Ellen. Passed unanimously

Officers

President-Christine Brereton

Vice President-Pam Pallios

Secretary- Susan Hannah

Treasurer-Jonaca Driscoll

Directors:

Membership-Ellen Dambrosio

Activities-Barbara Quinn

Past President-Judy Pierce

Past President-Anne Britton

At Large-Cathie Peck

Old Business:

Anne explained how each of the different organizations serve the library:

1- FOML are responsible for what happens at the Modesto Library.

2- Stanislaus Library Foundation supports all 13 branches

3- Advisory Committee- The Library Advisory Board, appointed by the County Supervisors, acts in an advisory capacity to the Board of Supervisors and the County Librarian.

4- The Save Stanislaus Library proposition to affirm the 1/8 of a percent sales tax levy passed in 2012 and pays 90% of the library operation. In 2017, the voting population will be asked once again to renew the tax which needs a 2/3 majority vote. The campaign is starting now. FOML members agreed it is a good idea to continue to donate to this measure.

Guest speaker County Librarian Diane McDonnell:

- 1- She wants patrons who come through the door to have positive feelings and the library continues to work for innovations.
- 2- The library personnel continue to work on grant writing:
 - * There will be an enclosed space with comfortable seating.
 - * Veterans will be able to connect at the Library Resource Center.
 - * Staff training grant
 - * More technology
 - * Children outreach grant through WIC Center to educate children and parents
- 3- Changes in the future:
 - * Covered beverages allowed in the library
 - * Work to eliminate smoking on the portico.
 - * Farther down the road, move the circulation desk to make the library entry more manageable.

Calendar:

June 3rd: Board of Directors meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00.

Respectfully submitted on June 3, 2015

Susan Hannah
Secretary