



Friends of the Modesto Library
General Membership Meeting
March 2, 2016
Modesto Library Conference Room

Meeting was called to order at 6:45 by President Christine Brereton.

Officers and Directors present: Anne Britton, Christine Brereton, Cande Brody, Jonaca Driscoll, Ellen Dambrosio, Jean Haven, Maree Hawkins, Denise Nordell, Pam Pallios, Carmen Pedrioli, and Barbara Quinn

Directors absent: Cathie Peck, and Judy Pierce

Michael Leamy, Modesto Library Manager

Kristine Ezovski, The Little Shop Manager

Guests: Amanda Hughes, Linda Owen, Judy Chamberlain, Julie Reuben, R.J. Moriconi,

President Christine Brereton introduced the guest speaker, Amanda Hughes of the Stanislaus Community Foundation.

Amanda gave a most informative presentation on the Stanislaus READS! project. Its purpose is to focus on the need to increase the percentage of students reading at grade level by Grade 3 because in Stanislaus County 71% of students enter third grade below grade level.

She gave examples of participating agencies' efforts to promote early childhood literacy such as the Pop Up Library, summer reading programs at the Stanislaus County Library branches, and Imagination Library in the five target schools Stanislaus READS! is serving.

Christine introduced herself and welcomed everyone.

ACTION: Motion to approve the minutes of the February 24, 2016 meeting was made by Anne Britton and seconded by Judy Chamberlain. Passed unanimously.

REPORTS

Librarian's Report: Michael Leamy

Michael thanked FOML for their support of time and money for the many programs the library has undertaken this year. A focus has been on the youth of our community and funding outreach programs to help them. Our library needs to be supported if it is to effect the changes needed to make Modesto a better place.

President's Report: Christine Brereton

1. Christine gave a month-by-month report on the events and activities supported by Friends of the Modesto Library from March 2015 - February 2016. This included the dollar amounts contributed for those activities.

Upcoming FOML- sponsored events were shared as were FOML Champions, companies who have donated their services and financial support during the year. (See attached President's Report for more details)

2. Dia de los Niños/Libros will take place April 2, 2016.

Last year 400 books were given away to those children attending.

3. Upcoming Book Sales

May 7, 2016

Used Books

May 17, 18, 19, 21, 2016

Scholastic 1/2 off

Volunteers are needed to staff the book sales and were encouraged to sign up.

Membership: Ellen Dambrosio

Ellen encouraged all those present to be sure that they had renewed their FOML membership for the coming year, and to participate in the affinity card programs at local grocery stores.

Treasurer's Report: Jonaca Driscoll

March 1, 2015 - February 28, 2016

Expenses: \$ 33,103.61

Income: \$ 14,114.90

PayPal Balance: \$ 170.25

Little Shop Bank of America Balance \$ 4,739.72

FOML Checking Account Balance: \$12,982.66

FOML Savings Account Balance: \$ 1,707.14

Little Shop: Kristine Ezovski

3-month report 12/1/2015 - 2/24/16

Revenue: \$269.50

Expenses: \$0

Net Income: \$269.50

6-month report 7/1/2015-2/24/2016

Revenue: \$514.00

Expenses: \$316.92

Net Income: \$197.08

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Nominees for election of officers and directors 2016-2017 were read by Christine.
Co-Presidents: Maree Hawkins and Denise Nordell
Vice-President: Pam Pallios
Secretary: Jean Haven
Treasurer: Jonaca Driscoll
Membership Director: Ellen Dambrosio
Activities Director: Barbara Quinn
Directors-at-Large: Christine Brereton (Past President), Anne Britton (Past President), Cande Brody, Cathie Peck, Carmen Pedrioli, Judy Pierce (Past President)

Motion to elect the above slate of officers and directors for 2016-2017 was made by R. J. Moriconi and seconded by Judy Chamberlain. Passed unanimously.

2. Christine acknowledged the Omega Nu Grant for Children's Dinner Theater, as well as volunteers Clare Noonan, Sheri Darrough, Susan Windemuth and Linda Owen, and those staffing The Little Shop who actively participated to make Friends of the Modesto Library an asset to our library and the community it serves.
3. Christine reminded us that the 1/8 of 1 percent sales tax renewal vote is coming up in 2017. Since the revenue from that tax provides 88% of the library's operating budget, it is critical that we start spreading the word of how necessary it is that the tax be approved by voters.

CALENDAR

June 1, 2016 FOML Quarterly Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

A raffle followed the meeting where gifts from the Little Shop were given away. Delicious refreshments arranged by Activities Director, Barbara Quinn, were enjoyed by all.

Respectfully submitted on June 1, 2016

Jean Haven, Secretary