

**Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting
Minutes
7 December 2011**

PRESENT: Brooks Judd, Carol Blomquist (Turlock Public Librarian, ex officio), Cynthia Williams, Faye Gibbs, Gity Miller, Jackie Oyer, Jeanne Endsley, Michael Fuller, Pat Hickman and Pat Portwood.

GUESTS: Jayne Smith (Historian) and Sandy Mann.

- I. **CALL TO ORDER.** President Pat Hickman called the meeting to order a little after 7:00 PM.
- II. **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 2, 2011 MEETING.** Minutes had been distributed to those who do not have email or who could not open the document. Jeanne moved, Faye seconded that the minutes be approved. Passed unanimously.

III. REPORTS:

PRESIDENT'S REPORT. Two requests had come in after the regular November meeting. Pat contacted those on the Board via email. Jeanne moved and Christine seconded that we use approximately \$1250 from the grant we received from Off Center Thrift & Gift to purchase a replacement bear for the children's room [\$350 ±] and the World Encyclopedia set [\$900 ±]. There were 11 ayes, 2 no-responses. Passed.

The second request came from Community Services Agency for used children's books. Joan Ahlstrand sorted books, and we were able to contribute 100 to the Agency.

The December 13 presentation of the annual report of the Stanislaus County Library to the Turlock City Council by Vanessa, Carol and Pat H. has been postponed until January 24, 2012.

Pat announced that the secretaries' notes that we thought had been lost have been found — at least those from the beginning of FOPTL through 2000. Since FOTPL has a storage space in the Turlock Public Library, the 'lost and found' items had been stored there. The storage space is under the display window at the front of the library. In that space are (1) the secretaries' minutes from the beginning along with secretaries' minutes from Joan and Dieter; (2) our FOTPL's history scrapbooks of newspaper clippings, and (3) two boxes of information from many of the past presidents of FOTPL. The presidents' boxes of information have not been added to since Nancy Jewett became president in 2007. The presidents' information since 3007 has been kept on computers by the various presidents.

TREASURER'S REPORT. Cynthia moved, Gity second that Jeannie write checks to Stanislaus County for \$1000 (encyclopedias), to Puppet Art for \$550 (for two programs on the 28th), \$155.72 to Susan Helm-Lauber for printing the newsletter and \$42.94 to Michael Fuller for membership cards. Passed. The Friends have \$10,707.46 on deposit and \$7185.20 in a CD

at F&M Bank. There is a second CD (the Gallison Fund) for \$6800; only the interest on that CD is available for our use.

MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY'S REPORT. Michael reported that there are currently 193 new and re-newing members and 54 life members, for a total of 247.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT. The most important bit of information Carol Blomquist shared with us was that Susan Guest, children's librarian, will retire at the end of June. Everyone will miss her tremendously. She organized an All for Pie program for Saturday, 12 November; 46 children and parents attended. In December there will be not only a Find-the-Grinch contest but also a Puppet Art Theater presentation on the 28th.

Circulation statistics were down 0.6% in October. The TPL is working on getting ebooks for customers; at the moment the contract is with the County Council, so there might be quite a wait.

Carol asked that FOTPL consider donating some of the remaining children's and adult materials budget toward the purchase of DVD's, always popular with library users. The order will be placed in late January or early February. Faye moved, Cynthia seconded that we allocate \$1000 from the children's materials and \$1200 from the adults' materials for the cause. Unanimous. Carol also said that the worn-out ol' bear in the children's room will be retired as soon as its replacement arrives.

CAMPAIGN 2012. Pat P. reported on the campaign. We await the new year. We were reminded of Dr. Abraham Verghese's presentation at the Rogers Theater at the Gallo Center on January 17. Tickets are still available for the meet-the-author pre-show reception.

BOOK BIN. The Book Bin is featuring holiday books throughout December.

FRIENDS' BOOKSTORE COMMITTEE REPORT. Jackie is rearranging the bookstore to freshen it up a bit; there will be new signage and lower prices (\$1 for hardbacks and 50¢ for paperbacks). One AP student from high school is currently volunteering. The only opening we need for volunteers is for Saturdays.

PUBLIC INFORMATION & ADVOCACY REPORT. Brooks reported he received \$40 in cash from WalMart and a \$30 gift certificate from Target for the Friends. Brooks will contact Raley's after the holidays to see if we can have a table to support "Save Stanislaus Libraries."

IV. OLD BUSINESS.

COMMITTEE REPORT ON RESPONSIBILITIES, ETC.: There was no report because nothing had been sent to Michael.

BOOK SALE: Books will be delivered to the Methodist Church on Wednesday, 25 January. The sale runs from the 26th through the 28th. The last of the sorting will take place sometime between Christmas and New Year's. Sandy will call some of the faithful. Gity passed out information from booksalefinder.com for sales in northern California (we're on the list).

MICROFILMING OF TURLOCK NEWSPAPERS. Carol brought this up in her report. She promised to follow through with ProQuest. Kristi Massey at the *Journal* promised Carol to contact her (Kristi's) supervisor again.

- VI. ADJOURNMENT.** Shortly before 9:00 Michael moved and Cynthia seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Unanimous. The next meeting will be at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, 4 January 2012 at the Turlock Public Library. Be there ... or be square.