

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting
3 September 2014

Members Present: Linda Davenport, Jeanne Endsley, Fran Fears, Phyllis Frasier, Nancy Frykman, Michael Fuller, Carmen Ingols, Brooks Judd, Anne-Marie Montgomery (ex officio), Hal Owen, Jackie Oyer.

Guests Present: Joan Ahlstrand, Pat Hickman, Sandy Mann, Jayne Smith.

Call to Order and Approval of Minutes: Jeanne called the meeting to order at 6:30. The minutes were approved after it was discovered that the information under “Membership” was incorrect. Michael promised to make the necessary changes before having the minutes posted on the Stanislaus Library site.

Reports:

President: Jeanne passed around a couple of items she had received in the mail.

Treasurer: Carmen reported a beginning balance of \$26,366.16, income of \$383.41, expenses of a whopping \$87.39 for an ending checkbook balance of \$26,662.18 as of 31 August. There is \$7296.97 in our CD, for a total of \$33,959.15 in available funds.

Membership: Hal indicated that during August four individuals had renewed and one family had a new membership. We received a total of \$60. We now have 118 members.

Turlock Librarian: Anne-Marie reported on the August highlights: the children’s room is much more inviting now that it has a fresh coat of paint | Lego days continue to be extremely popular: 75 were in attendance last Tuesday, so they’re considering offering it twice a month | 32 attended the teen ice cream program. All of these activities are supported in part by FOTPL.

Ongoing and upcoming programs include story time (through October 9) | children will be invited to decorate their own pencil cases and take crayons to go along on September 9 at 3:30 | there will be a button maker craft program for teens on the 26th at 4 | children and their adult companions are invited to enter the world of Minecraft as they create blocks or mobs, color, and share their experiences with their fellow gamers on Tuesday, September 23 | there will be another Lego Day on the 30th at 3:30.

Anne-Marie asked for volunteers for two special programs coming up in the month of October. First, Read to a Dog is coming to the Turlock Library. Tentative days are Mondays (from 3 to 5) and Saturdays (from 2 until 5). The library would like to have at least one volunteer for each one of the six programs. The tentative dates are October 6, 11, 13, 17, 20 and 25. The second is for two Halloween programs (at 10:00 and then at 11:30) on Thursday, October 30. Each pro-

gram will consist of a story time session followed by a craft and trick-or-treat. They would like to have at least four volunteers.

On September 24 the library will sponsor a Crime Prevention Workshop with Gordon Little Jr. of Farmers¹ Insurance. He will give a free presentation on what one can do to keep one's home safe, and what to do in case of loss.

The library is also working to create a Craft Supply Exchange. We would like this to be a recurring event that will focus on different crafts on a quarterly basis. At the initial event, where participants will gain admission by bringing a craft item/s donation, we will offer refreshments and hand out surveys asking what kinds of crafts participants are interested in. The focus will be on swapping fabric and notions, scrapbooking and paper crafts, knitting and crocheting, needlework, beading, and/or other art supplies and tools.

The "cost" of admission to the event will be the donation of a crafting item to swap. Participants (or anyone) can drop off new or gently used craft kits and supplies and receive a ticket of admission to the next event.

Foundation: Pat announced that 75 to 80 people (including Jeanne, Joan, Dieter, Hanna, Pat herself and Michael) had attended the Foundation's reception. The community novel is going to be launched on amazon.com on 18 October and at the McHenry Museum on 1 November (emceed by Sam Piersdorf). There will be a fundraiser that afternoon from 4:00 to 6:00.

Daniel Handler will be at the Gallo on November 16. Tickets range from \$15 to \$54 and are available through the Gallo. Events include a meet and greet at 12:30, a one-hour presentation beginning at 2:00 and a book signing at 3:00.

The last Farmers' Market for FOTPL will be on Friday from 5 to 8 PM. We need to pick up everything we need on Thursday; Joan will bring art books. We hope to be in the shade.

Newsletter: Phyllis said that the *Newsletter* went out the first week of August. She mailed only 31. The next one will be in November, probably the first week. She would like items and pictures for inclusion sometime mid-October.

Book Sale: The book sale is scheduled for January 22–24, 2015. Books will be moved to the Methodist Church on January 21. As a side note, we have heard nothing new from Hy-Power. They evidently plan on being there through December.

New Business: We need a project to devise a calendar for the various deadlines we have as a Board. Jackie, Linda, Hal and Pat H. agreed to meet on the 24th to come up with a calendar, to be presented to the Board at the October meeting.

¹ Evidently, they've never heard of the apostrophe. The one agent in Stanislaus County who had got it wrong: Farmer's Insurance. One wonders which farmer was insured.

Doug McDermott's family donated two pick-up loads of book to the FOTPL.

Sandy announced the sorting days for October.

Michael moved and Jackie seconded that the meeting be adjourned. It was only 7:17.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller, Secretary