

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting
7 January 2015

Board Members Present: Diane Bartlett (Turlock Regional Librarian, *ex officio*), Linda Davenport, Jeanne Endsley, Phyllis Frasier, Michael Fuller, Carmen Ingols, Brooks Judd, Gity Miller, Hal Owens, Jackie Oyer and Mike Seifert.

Guests Present: Joan Ahlstrand, Pat Hickman, Chris Hughes, Sandy Mann, Dieter Renning, Hanna Renning, Pat Rubalcava and Jayne Smith.

Call to Order: Jackie Oyer, Vice President, called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes: The minutes were approved.

Reports:

President: Jeanne Endsley was absent.

Treasurer: Carmen reported that income during the last month had been \$385.33 and expenses had totaled \$432.99, bringing our checking balance to \$27,963.07. Our CD remains at \$7,296.97. Carmen had received several bills: (a) from Michelle for \$37.86 for children's materials; (b) from Jana for \$18.79, for books; (c) from Phyllis for \$98 for postage, and (d) from Joan for about \$280 for the signs. Michael moved, and Gity seconded, that we accept the report and pay all outstanding bills. Approved.

Membership: Hal reported one new member in December. So far, we have received 120 memberships. Hal distributed phone call lists to all members of the Board, urging us to call these former members to get them to volunteer to help at the book sale (and perchance to re-up).

Librarian: Diane shared Various program statistics: 188 participated in the snowball counting jar; there was one winner in each of three age groups | 47 participated in the Snowman craft | 17 were present for puppet craft | 15 for button making (teen/tween) | 50 for Lego Day | approximately 20 members attended the monthly meeting of the Turlock Library Book Club | 8 attended cupcake decorating/napkin folding program.

Upcoming events include: Children's Programming: WiggleWorms and PSST have started back up and will go until April 30 (new schedule). 1000 Books Before Kindergarten has also begun. On January 13 Craft-A-Palooza will take place: there will be all kinds of crafting material, and everyone can let their imaginations soar. On January 20 the program for Teen/Tweens will be a Sock-ta-pus. Fourth Tuesday (27) is Lego Day. | Programs for Adults: On January 26 at 6 PM people can learn how to download the library's ebooks onto their device. We will also take appointments for individual help with the library app, Hoopla, Zinio and Mango. February 14 at 1 PM will be our Chocolate Tasting program. Starting in February, the library will be offering a series of craft programs: 'As Seen on Pinterest'. Also in February there will be mug decorating. | Diane will be attending the City Council meeting on January 27 at 6 PM to talk about events at the library. | Check the Library Calendar for upcoming performers and events.

The Turlock Library Wish List:

Movie License USA ¹	ANNUAL LICENSE COST & SET UP
1-Year Cost:	\$530
2-Year Cost (10% Discount):	\$954
3-Year Cost (15% Discount):	\$1,352
4-Year Cost (20% Discount):	\$1,696

DVD player \$100 at most

Projector \$400-\$1700 (there is a shared one we can use)

White board for teen area, 4' x 6'², would be \$332.99 +tax (\$25) = \$358

With the announcement that Diane was going to be attending City Council meetings, many questions came up as to why Turlock still has its undersize library. Diane said that space is “not an uncommon issue” with libraries throughout the state. In fact, “expansion, remodeling, replacement” has been the recurrent idea submitted to the State Library Report for years. Someone asked about priority for — say — replacement. It’s hard to find out.

There was some discussion of a strategic plan to get something going in the area of replacement of the current library building. One idea surfaced: an after-hour murder mystery event (not open to the general public, but by invitation only).

There is still a problem with the library’s WiFi service. Diane hopes it will be corrected within a week or two.

Nominating Committee: The pre-nominating committee has met once. Pat H. announced that they still need three officers and at least 2 directors-at-large for the slate. She would like to encourage all FOTPL members to come to our meetings to see what we do.

Old Business:

Thrift Shop: It was suggested that we send a card to Off-Center if it hasn’t already been done. Someone else reported that we had signed just such a card last month! (Nothing wrong with *our* minds.)

Newsletter: The next newsletter will come out in February. Deadline for articles is February 1.

Book Sale: Books will be picked up on Wednesday, January 21, beginning at 1:00 PM. Volunteers In Patrol (VIP) will be at the book sale on the 22d from 4:00 until 7:00 PM. Our Seattle connection decided she couldn’t drive a truck and so flaked out on us, but Tim and Valerie Brown of Lightly Used Books said they would take any books left over at the end of the sale.

Calendars: Carmen still has five calendars, each going for \$3.

New Business:

¹ Not all films are covered under this license

² Would it work with the wall?

Ritzy Rags: Ritzy Rags is closing the Turlock store on 15 January. Joan said she had negotiated with the owner that the FOTPL receive 90 percent of all book sales at half-price, a very generous offer. The remaining books will be put in the book sale later in the month. The bookcases will be stored in Joan and Hank's shop.

HyPower: HyPower has ended our relationship with them as of this month. The question now is where we store our books for next year's book sale. Since the library is a member of the Chamber of Commerce, it was suggested that we ask the C of C to get out this news to their members: free storage would be a great tax write-off. Jeanne and Bob know lots of people; someone mentioned that Matt Swanson has lots of property in downtown Turlock. *The Journal* might be able to publish something about our plight. In the meantime, our library does not have any extra space for us to store books, so Diane suggested that we suggest to would-be donors to take their books to the Salida library. Other suggestions included giving books away or selling a bag-o'-books for \$6. Meanwhile, Sandy has two stacks of empty boxes that need to be stored. Gity volunteered to take care of them.

Adjournment: There being no new business, at 7:44 Michael moved that we adjourn. Brooks seconded the motion. Passed.

Next Meeting: 4 February 2015 at 6:30 PM in the Turlock Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller