

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
September 1, 2021

Board Members Present: Pat Portwood, Mary Ward, Jane Cluff, Carmen Ingols, Diane Gray, Jackie Oyer, Sandie Sing, Patricia Williams and Terri Shaver. Absent: Sabra Safford

Friends Present: Karina Mendoza, Hanna and Dieter Renning, Michael Siefert, Pat Hickman and Jayne Smith.

Call to Order: Pat Portwood called the meeting to order at 6:31

Welcome: Pat suggested that 10 minutes before our monthly board meeting we cruise the library and welcome people to join us.

Minutes: Jackie moved to approve the August minutes and Diane seconded.

Reports

Treasurer: Carmen reported the following for August:

Income:	56,528.50
Expenses:	733.22
Ck. Acct & time dep:	29,642.39
Library Funds:	335,398.40
Grand total:	365,040.79

Pat P. explained that the county will continue to ask for monies for library additions, and FOTPL board will discuss and approve. Pat H asked if library could place benches in front of the new book area.

Librarian: Karina shared that the library has been very busy and has been issuing many new cards. The conference room will be an election satellite space. Today library staff put a sign with library information on the bus stop on Minaret. *Read to Me Kits*, including a cd, six books and a puppet are now available for checkout. The ukelele grant that Michelle Cox applied for will soon come to fruition; people will be able to check out ukeleles! The Children's Room (especially the little kitchen) Teen Rooms and Quiet Room are getting lots of use.

Pat P. mentioned that the full time security guard, Robert, is doing a great job and Karina added that he is very helpful and proactive and the library staff is of his support. Pat also reported that the patio has been well used.

Old Business

Membership Report: Diane sent out a renewal email on July 16th. Since then 22 people have renewed, one of which was a lifetime membership. We have 120 current members and 27 recent members that Diane plans to pursue via letters.

Reflections on the Donor Open House: Pat P. said it was not the "tsunami" we feared; people arrived in "gentle waves." We received congratulatory letters and a beautiful sculpture from Stanislaus County which we decided to place in the bookstore.

Farmers Market: Brooks is willing to continue to be in charge.

August Newsletter: Phyllis did a great job as always. Pat P. suggested that the P.R. job should be a board position. Michael suggested we print a few newsletters for the bookstore.

Bookstore Update: Jackie said we need more books; our bookstore is three times as big. She plans to ask Phyllis to broadcast our need. We made \$623.50 in the first month!

New Business

Short-term Goals

- Form Program Committee to research authors for spring event and confirm by December 2nd: *Jackie and Jane*
- Form a Finance Committee to construct a yearly and long-term budget for the Building Fund monies and research a financial investment company: *Mary, Carmen and Jeani Ferrari*
- Form a Bylaws Review Committee and possibly make revisions for 2022/23:
- Form a Membership Committee with a goal of a 10% increase for this fiscal year and strategies to accomplish this goal: *Diane*
- Set up filing system at the library for FOTPL documents: *Mary and Pat P.*
- Reactivate Historian position:

Next meeting - 10/6 at the library at 6:30 p.m.