



Friends of the Modesto Library
Annual Membership Meeting
4 March 2019
Modesto Library "Maker Space"

Meeting was called to order at 3:00 p.m. by President Denise Nordell.

Officers and Directors present were Anne Britton, Christine Brereton, Cande Brody, Ellen Dambrosio, Lynne Dixon, Jonaca Driscoll, Jean Haven, Denise Nordell, Pam Pallios, Cathie Peck, Carmen Pedrioli. Members and guests present were Modesto Library Manager Chris Moreno and Claudia Curtis, Megan Gowans, Alene Griffin, Adele Little, Jane Manley, Linda Osnes, Barbara Quinn, Julie Reuben, Julie Saugstad, Isa Wiechmann and speaker for the evening, Karen Williams.

Minutes of the 5 September 2018 meeting were approved as amended.

President's Report: Denise Nordell

A review of the past year's highlights was handed out in month by month format.

Election of Officers

Ellen Dambrosio presented the slate of nominees proposed by the nomination committee which met in December. There were no nominations from the floor.

ACTION TAKEN: In a motion by Christine and a second from Isa the following officers were elected by a unanimous voice vote.

President	Denise Nordell
Vice President	Pat Glattke
Treasurer	Jonaca Driscoll
Secretary	Anne Britton

Treasurer's Report: Jonaca Driscoll

March 2018 through February 2019 Summary

Expenditures	\$13,511.04
Income	\$30,182.17
Current Assets	\$27,836.64

Jonaca noted that revenue streams from affinity programs at local grocery stores have been eliminated except for O'Brien's. A large donation of \$5000 from Alfred Matthews owners Holly and Paul Caron was a major bonus for the year. Another new revenue stream was the over \$1000 generated through online book sales handled by volunteer member Michael Leamy. Membership dues income remain the largest portion of FOML income at more than a third of the total.

Librarian's Report: Chris Moreno

Staff retirements and replacements were announced and the newly adopted Library system logo was displayed. Chris thanked FOML for the contributions FOML made to programs, staff training and materials to enhance the mission of the Modesto library branch.

Outlining upcoming programs like All Teens Craft Fair, Día De Los Niños/Libros celebration, and the Summer Reading Challenge, Chris said volunteers from FOML are needed.

New projects will change the face of the Modesto Library in coming months.

- The Maker Space is nearing final design, equipment is already purchased, and staff are being trained. Stay tuned for announcement of opening day. Equipment in the area will include embroidery, sewing and laser printer machines as well as a sound recording booth. Programs on coding will be held and ten laptops will be available.
- Also changing the look and function of the library is the placement of one central desk module for all Circulation [checkout] and Reference services. Conduit installation is planned for the near future and then the change-over will commence. The current Information desk will handle passport transactions and service to the public access computer terminals.
- A \$6,000 grant has enabled two eCar charging stations in the parking lot.

Guest Speaker: Karen Williams

As Executive Director of LearningQuest Karen outlined the interesting history of her service with the Stanislaus Literacy Center and the organization's collaboration with the library since the 1996. She shared inspiring stories of adult learners finding new paths to success, tales of increasing areas of tutoring such as life skills, and emphasized the need for volunteers to allow LearningQuest to reach more who are in need of help.

Affinity/Online Giving and Membership Report: Elen Dambrosio

Ellen provided an overview and demonstration of various income sources for FOML. Current local retail outlets' affinity programs include eScrip.com for O'Brien's Market and Mountain Mike's Pizza. Neither Raley's nor Save Mart still participate to the benefit of FOML. IGive.com program includes online shopping at 2040 stores including Expedia, walmart.com, Lands' End, Hayneedle and even H&H Block's online DIY tax prep services. AmazonSmile continues to give a small .5% to FOML for purchases through that program.

Two other fund sources are 1) an upcoming "Book Fair" with Barnes and Noble planned for April 13 which includes the ability to order online for a few days beyond that date and 2) online books sales of used books spearheaded by Michael Leamy.

Membership continues to be the significant income source for FOML. The calendar year 2018 saw a recent high with 157 members. The goal for this calendar year is 175. As of the end of this February there were 90 paid memberships for 2019, higher than the same period in 2018. Ellen encouraged all to make a new Friend for FOML and expressed her appreciation for help in enlarging the organization -- and our coffers!

Upcoming Events

The next few months include a number of events and volunteer opportunities:

April 8-13	National Library Week	May 4	Used Book Sale
April 20	Lib. Foundn. Shining Star Awards	May 9 – 13	Scholastic Discount Book Sale
April 27	Diá de los Niños/Libros	June 1	Author Visit: Linda Joy Singleton

Door Prizes of two books and a bag were distributed before adjournment at 4:21 p.m.

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by Anne Britton, Secretary