



Friends of the Modesto Library
Board of Directors Meeting
September 1, 2015
Modesto Library Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 6:35 by President Christine Brereton.

Directors present: Cathie Peck, Christine Brereton, Judy Pierce, Pam Pallios, Anne Britton, Jonaca Driscoll, Susan Hannah

Absent: Barbara Quinn

Guests: Michael Leamy, Olga Cardenas

Minutes of the June 4th meeting were approved.

Librarian's Report: Michael Leamy

-Once again Michael thanked the FOML for their ongoing support, noting that Harry Potter week was a huge success, drawing over 770 children.

-He shared a thank you letter from Michele Machado, who was able to attend the American Library Association Annual Conference in San Francisco through the support of FOML.

-Veterans will receive informational services, staffed by library employees and volunteers.

-A Maker Space is planned for Spring 2016, which will include 3D printer, sewing machines, wood working tools and robotics kits.

-Changes at the library include portico repairs, covered drinks allowed in the library and no smoking on the portico.

-Michael announced the first Modesto graduate of 1000 books before Kindergarten.

-The library is looking for ways to partner with Stanislaus Community Foundation in Stanislaus Reads.

Reports:

Membership: Ellen Dambrosio

Membership remains stagnant. Ellen will reach out to organizations and groups that FOML is supporting through the work of Olga Cardenas, the new Bilingual Outreach Librarian

Treasurer's Report: Jonaca Driscoll

U. S. Bank Checking: \$26,675.95

U. S. Bank Savings: \$1,707.11

Bank of America: \$4726.13

Little Shop: Pam Pallios

Annual report 7/1/14 to 6/30/15 - \$401.52 profit

3 month report 6/1/2015-8/31/15 -\$220.28 profit

1 month report 7/1/2015-8/31/2015 - \$183.50 profit

Pam shared that an Ad Hoc committee was formed to discuss ideas to improve marketing and purchasing for The Little Shop. They will also discuss ways to inform the public about The Shop. Members include: Anne, Christine, Barbara, Kristine and Pam.

Speaker: Olga Cardenas

-Olga reported that her job to provide services outside the library building has been challenging and rewarding. The demand for her services is great. She has done seven pop up presentations along with visits to various centers and schools. There will be ongoing twice a week services at the WIC library for 3 years. She plans to visit Kindergartens throughout the area to share about library services. She processes library cards and reads to children. Her goal is to make sure children have a positive experience.

-Her list of needs include: Board books and picture books for storytime in a box, board books for specific centers, book titles for a teen book club at juvenile detention and funds for graduation for children who complete 1000 books before kindergarten. She will give a full report of her purchases.

ACTION: Motion to approve up to \$3000 to fund Olga's projects was made by Jonaca and seconded by Judy. Passed unanimously.

New Business:

-Anne discussed the possibility of setting up a book drive to further support Olga's outreach locations. Michael will discuss collaborating with Stanislaus Community Foundation to meet this need.

-The dates for the Scholastic Book Fair are Nov 4th, 5th and 7th. Anne will be asking for volunteers.

-\$100 was allocated to fund the Halloween Parade on October 28. The following board members volunteered to assist at the event: Judy, Jonaca, Pam, Christine, Anne, Sully and Cathie. Details to follow.

-Barbara is looking for a speaker and location for the FOML General Meeting. Possible speakers are Sue Rich, Amanda Hughes and Marian Kaanon. The event could be held in the library auditorium.

Old Business:

-600 books were given away at the Stanislaus County Fair. FOML donated \$300 to purchase books. More board books are needed, but are limited for purchase.

-Omega Nu contributed \$1000 for Dinner Theater.

-Christine suggested looking into a Fancy Nancy Tea as a fundraiser. She will have more details after attending one in the Bay Area.

Anne suggested that the next newsletter be theme based. The board agreed that this is a great idea. Articles will deal with Stanislaus reads and early literacy in our community. Anne will be taking over the responsibility of collecting articles for each newsletter, as Judy is stepping down.

-Sully is leaving her position as secretary of FOML as she is moving out of Modesto.

Calendar:

October 17, 2015: All Kids Craft Fair (16th St portico)

October 28, 2015: Halloween Parade

October 15, 2015: Newsletter deadline to Anne

Nov 4-7, 2015: Scholastic Book Fair

December 2, 2015: FOML Board Meeting

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35.

Respectfully submitted on December 2, 2015

Susan Hannah, Secretary