

Friends of the Turlock Public Library

Board Meeting Minutes

April 7, 2021

Board Members Present: Pat Portwood, Sabra Stafford, Carmen Ingols, Brooks Judd, Diane Gray, Karon Johnson, Terri Shaver, Sandie Sing, Mary Ward, Jackie Oyer and Patricia Williams.

Friends Present: Phyllis Frasier, Dieter and Hanna Renning, Dianne Bartlett, Patricia Hill Thomas, Vito Chiesa, Sarah Denton, Al Valencia, and Bryan Sontag.

Call to Order: Pat Portwood called the meeting to order at 6:30.

New Business:

Stanislaus County Board Chair Vito Chiesa spoke a bit about the progress of the new library and congratulated all for the work that has been done, even through a pandemic. He also thanked the work of the Friends and the fundraising committee, saying "it's going to make it even better, not just now, but for the future. The county and community is grateful."

Stanislaus County COO Patricia Hill Thomas gave a power point presentation on the progress of the new library, with Al Valencia providing information on the current state of tasks, like painting, tiling, etc.

The presentation included updates on each room and the features that will be included. Some of the highlights include lots of natural light; the community room will have a kitchenette, a large screen and a mounted projector, and a separate entrance/exit.

Even though the construction phase is nearing completion, there's still lots of work to do with furnishings, fixtures, materials, etc.

Opening celebration and dedication is tentatively set for early August.

Patricia Hill Thomas, Al Valencia, and Vito Chiesa left the meeting.

Minutes: Jackie Oyer moved to approve the minutes from the march meeting and Brooks seconded. The motion was passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Carmen reported the following:

Income: \$30,755.09

Pledges received: \$641,000.00

Money received: \$ 136,500.00

Expenses: \$364.42

Ck. Acct & time dep: \$59,175.62

Library Funds: \$326,087.42

Grand total: \$385,263.04

Librarian's report: Most of libraries open for browsing except Denair and Keyes. Programs continue in virtual formats. Check the library calendar for a listing of programs. Hotspots have arrived and are available for checkout. Customers visiting Denair ask daily 'when is Turlock opening'; they are eager to see the new library.

New Business continued:

Stanislaus County Librarian presented several fixture and furnishing upgrades that the Friends were asked to vote on and approve the purchases:

\$6,000 for 15 round tables and 20 additional chairs; carts for tables and chairs.

\$6,500 for preschool table and 4 chairs; custom made with alphabet and letter symbols.

\$12,000 for 2,000 new bookends that are heavy duty metal book supports with magnetic base.

\$2,400 for children's garden furnishings, including chalk board flowers, wood outdoor tables and benches.

\$4,235 for 300-piece set of blue blocks with storage bag.

Total spent: \$31,135

Jackie Oyer made a motion to spend the funds on these items. it was seconded by Diane gray and approved unanimously.

Options were presented for the courtyard furnishings, but no action was taken at the meeting.

Newsletter:

The May newsletter will have the slate of officers.

Nominating committee: Mary Ward said all officers were contacted and agreed to stay in current positions. Karon Johnson and Brooks Judd will be stepping down as directors. The advocacy work will be done collectively.

A motion was made to suspend the bylaws allowing the slate of officers to continue through June 2022. Jackie Oyer made the motion and it was seconded by Brooks Judd. It was approved unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m. Next meeting is May 5 at 6:30 p.m.

Submitted by Sabra Stafford, vice president.