

FRIENDS of the TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING of the BOARD of DIRECTORS

MINUTES

JANUARY 5, 2011

CALL to ORDER & INTRODUCTIONS:

In Attendance: Harrison Gibbs, President; Dorothy Finnegan, Vice-Pres; Jeanne Endsley, Treasurer; Pat Hickman, Secretary; Board Members: Cynthia Williams, Donna Oppelt, Dieter Renning, Ann Krabach, Christine Nielsen, Gretchen Williams, & Gity Miller. Others present: Jayne Smith, Hanna Renning, Sandy Mann, Joan Ahlstrand, Brook Judd, Bob Blomemdamnp, Carol Blomquist, Turlock Librarian,

APPROVAL of MINUTES: On motion by Dieter/Gretchen the minutes were approved as spellings corrected.

REPORTS:

A. PRESIDENT'S REPORT (Harrison Gibbs):

1. Chris Parker, a relative of Vivian Manha (deceased member of Turlock FOL who arranged our used book storage space at HyPower) asked to purchase the books she had left the Turlock Friends of the Public Library in her will. He wanted to pay \$500 for them; there were 4 boxes. Harrison offered them to him for free, but he wanted to pay so he paid the \$500 for them, this was deposited in our account and Harrison notified Vivian's attorney on the transaction for his records of the will. The board requested Harrison send him a copy of *Streams in a Thirsty Land* since he is interested in Turlock history.
2. *Streams in a Thirsty Land* – we have discussed what to do with the remaining 83 copies of the book several times. Suggestions include: a.) sell them at a reduced rate, b.) donate them to the schools, c.) give them to sustaining & life time members.

On a motion by Donna/Cynthia the board voted unanimously to distribute the *Streams* book to all new sustaining and life-time members beginning January 2011.

3. Anyone wishing an "insiders tour" of the inter-workings of the Modesto Public Library may call 558-7817 to join a tour.

B. TREASURER'S REPORT (Jeanne Endsley):

- Treasurer's report was handed out to board members and new bills were presented: \$81.23 to Sandy Mann for supplies and \$67.73 to Susan Guest for children's program supplies. On motion by Cynthia/Pat the report and bills were approved.
- The Turlock FOL's CD for the Gallison fund expires on January 23, 2011. Jeanne will check on CD rates and will select where we want the CD depending on the best rates for us. We will vote by email or at next meeting to confirm the CD's renewal.

C. MEMBERSHIP (Christine Nielsen):

- Currently we have 255 members.

D. LIBRARIAN'S REPORT (Carol Blomquist):

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM:

- 301 children "found the Grinch" during December, each won a prize.
- 130 children & parents attended the two puppet Art Theater performances of "Three Billy Goats Gruff" on 12/29/10.
- Susan, Children's Librarian, will be doing an "estimated count jar" for January and a children's Valentines Workshop on 2/12/11

- Susan Guest requested Carol ask the Board to consider purchasing equipment for the children's department: "wild about books" rug, table-top book rack, & a cart; total about \$741.00 This is within the budget, on motion by Jeanne/Pat board unanimously approved request.

TEEN ZONE:

Check out the teen area. A sign is posted saying "Teen Zone." A few adults have been asked to leave the bean-bag chairs for the teens.

NEW REQUEST for CHILDREN'S PROGRAM: After seeing how the rug nicely defines the teen area, Susan would like a jungle rug for the children's reading area under the bears & lions. She also would like one more cart for the special collections such as ABC & 123.

NEW REQUEST for ADULT EQUIPMENT:

- Since the library is now closed on Fridays, the outdoor book collection bins are over flowing by opening time on Saturdays. Emptying the bins on Thursday evening helps, but the bins are still being overfilled on Fridays. Could the Turlock FOL consider purchasing a new bin if any area can be located to place it? The least expensive one would cost about \$1,839.99 and the cart in the bin would be about \$609.99. Carol will check with her supervisors to see if adding a bin is possible. She will report back to the board as information becomes available.
- The library also needs "slat wall end pieces" for the bookshelves to hang a newspaper holder and to display books. The Turlock Library does not have enough space to display books on tables so the stall walls are needed. We need 6 of them at \$349.99 each, the stall wall wire newspaper holder cost \$99.99. Please consider this request in the future. Harrison wanted to know if this was something we could have fabricated ourselves. Carol & Harrison will look into this.
- Board asked Susan and Carol to make up a "wish list" for library needs so we can see what is needed for long-term planning. A "wish list" has been presented to the board in past years and this had worked well.

E. BOOK BIN COMMITTEE – Joan Ahlstrand

- The Book Bin continues to earn about \$100 monthly. The check is mailed to us approximately every two months.
- Books are being added as the old ones are removed and placed in the annual book sale.

F. BOOK SORTING – Sandy

Since the last book sorting sessions we have 21½ pallets ready for the book sale.

G. SCHOOL OUTREACH COMMITTEE - no report this month.

H. FRIENDS' BOOKSTORE – Faye/Christine/Pat

- Harrison handed out the financial report since we opened the store on Sept. 15, 2010. Total money received as of Jan. 5, 2011 is \$1308.00
- We still need volunteers to man the bookstore, for times needed have any volunteers call Pat.
- We are going to have a ½ price sale on all the fiction books in the store. Pat and Christine will set the dates for the sale depending on volunteers available. Sale will be in mid-January. We have enough books to replace what we now have on the shelves, so any books that are not sold will be placed in storage for the Annual Book Sale.

I. COLLECTIBLE BOOKS - No report

J. ANNUAL BOOK SALE – Hanna

Hanna gave an excellent description of how the annual book sale is organized and set up each year. Many people are involved in each phase of the sale. Hanna will contact people to work at the sale each day. Posters were handed out to Board members to be placed around town. Harrison said the signs for the tables for the book sale were being made by the Teichert Co., we will have to pay a nominal fee for their efforts in making the signs and the materials cost and they would also like a letter of their donation for tax purposes since the signs are costing them more than the nominal fee we are paying them.

- The books will be loaded at HyPower (with Teen Challenge men hired as needed) and taken to the Methodist Church on Wednesday, Jan. 26 at about 1 PM
- Thursday, January 27 @ 9 AM about a dozen people will open the boxes of books and put them on the appropriate tables.
- 4 PM the Book Sale will open to members only. Memberships will be sold at the door beginning at about 3:30 PM
- Friday, Jan. 28 the Book Sale will be open from 9 AM- 7 PM
- Saturday, Jan 29th Book Sale open from 9 AM – 5 PM
 - 4 PM – the Bag Sale will begin, \$5.00 for a bag of books.
 - 5 PM on Saturday other Friend’s of the Library groups can take what books they want for their sales.
 - 5:30 PM – the books that are left will be given to the group that boxes them to be sent to Ghana.

Suggestions for the Annual Book Sale were offered:

- a.) on line ad – Publicity Chairman contact the Modesto Bee Classified section regarding their on line “pop-up” adds.
- b.) make the Book Sale sign in the library show window larger & more colorful to more easily attract attention to it.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

- The Friends’ Bookstore now has gift certificates for sale in the store.
- There is no need for Dieter to contact the TV station regarding the *Streams* books since the Board voted to offer them as gifts to new sustaining and lifetime members.
- Still need to try for publicity for the Friends’ Bookstore by asking parents let their children be photographed in the store for the local paper.
- Carol will check with the Sonora Friends of the Library to see if the article was accurate in their local paper regarding how much their bookstore earns.
- CSUS History Department is giving away all its old wall maps – anyone interested in them should contact them regarding the offer.

V. NEW BUSINESS - none

MEETING ADJOURNED: On motion by Gretchen/Pat the meeting was adjourned at 8:15 PM. Next meeting @ 7 PM Wednesday, February 2, 2011

Respectfully submitted,

Pat Hickman, Secretary