

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting
March 2, 2016

Board members present: Jackie Oyer, Carmen Ingols, Pat Portwood, Dieter Renning, Linda Davenport, Pat Rubalcava, Chris Hughes, Pat Hickman, Mike Seifert, Hal Owen, John Brooks Judd.

Other Members Present: Diane Bartlett, Turlock Librarian, Dorothy Finnegan, Barbara Jensen, Kathy Helfrich, Sabra Stafford, Penny Peters, Hanna Renning, Jayne Smith, Barbara Wells, Phyllis Frasier, Newsletter

Call to Order: 6:30 pm

Reading of the Minutes: A correction as made to the minutes, under the Book Sale report it should read "Carmen Ingols was very helpful in providing a U-Haul for moving the books to the sale. On a motion by Hal/Dieter the corrected minutes were approved.

REPORTS:

President:

Jackie handed out her notes from and reported on the Library Planning Committee meeting. They have met once and will meet again on 5/18/16. John Lazar is leading the subcommittee. They hope to raise \$50,000 towards a new library in Turlock. As this committee becomes organized their activities will increase, but now they are beginning to look for a suitable/available location for a library.

Jackie read us a letter from Joan Ahlstrand, our co-chair for the Book Bin and a member of the county Library Advisory Board. Joan is resigning due to her daughter's serious injury. She recommended Dorothy Finnegan to replace her on the Book Bin committee. Appointment approved.

Treasurer:

Book Sale - Gross - \$5,658.81 (25% will be placed in the building fund for a new library) not all expenses have been paid from the book sale. Motion by Pat H. /Dieter was accepted - unanimous vote.

Membership:

Hal reported 5 members renewed their membership, 4 new members, 144 members, and 174 families.

Stanislaus Library Foundation: Pat P. reported on behalf of the Foundation. This year they plan to raise money for the 13 libraries in the county. Most of their budget will be used for the Summer Reading Program.

They are planning a fundraiser in September - Authors Event, poets this year to raise the needed funds they are partnering with local business. Money goal is just under \$100,000

Newsletter:

Phyllis said the May newsletter has to be out by May 1 so officer nominations for June election can be announced.

Everyone thanked Phyllis for a great job on the newsletter.

There was regarding cost of sending newsletter by snail mail for those without an email address. Between 30 to 49 members receive their newsletter via mail at a cost of approximately 92 cents per black & white issue - newsletter is quarterly. Some organizations charge an extra \$ amount for members who want their newsletter mailed to them. Consensus of board decided to not increase membership dues for those wanting their newsletter.

Librarian Report:

Diane reported on the upcoming activities at the library for March and beginning of May. Activity schedule is available at the counter for all using the library. FOTPL will continue to help fund the children's programs

Jeff's last day is March 8; there will be thank you party for him from noon to 2pm.

Today is 'Read Across America' day; April 10 - 16 is National Library Week. The City Council will present a proclamation for our library on April 12.

Book Sale:

Hanna reported that the Book Sale was successful even though we lost our book storage space. Fortunately for us, Carmen fixed an outbuilding for us and we were able to store our donated books. The church gave us an extra day to use their hall so books could be sorted before the sale.

Book Sale raised \$\$5,658.81 before expenses.

Fund Raising Committee:

Linda, Carmen, Pat R. & Chris reviewed several fund raising ideas they had discussed and looked into:

Golf tournament - If we have 100 golfers sign up to play, (after expenses) we would have to charge \$115 to make \$4,200. If we want to have a golf tournament we would have to plan it immediately.

Tea - catered cost \$16 per person. A church has offered us free space. At \$20 per ticket we could make about \$1000. (Other expenses would have to be included as needed.) To augment the profit, we could have an auction at the Tea or Golf Tournament. We could also have a fashion show or a speaker along with the tea.

Movie Fund Raiser: Theatre charges \$10 for each seat in the theatre (whether we use them or not).

Discussion on Fund Raising:

The board agreed we need another fundraiser (besides the book sale) each year in case we could not have the book sale. There will be only one additional large fundraiser per year.

The board voted yes to having a Tea as this would be the easiest for us to have, will plan this event for the fall (possibly October.)

Nominating Committee- Judd reported for the committee:

Two board members are leaving - Gity and Hal at the end of their term.

Slate to be presented by this committee at the annual June meeting. Other names can be placed on the slate up until the vote in June.

NOMINATED SLATE for FOTPL for 2016/2017

Jackie Oyer - President*

Carmen Ingols- Vice President*

Linda Davenport - Treasurer

Pat Hickman - Secretary

Mike Seifert - Membership

Brooks Judd - Advocacy*

Pat Portwood - at-large*

Chris Hughes - at-large*

Pat Rubalcava - at-large*

Dieter Renning - at-large*

Barbara Jensen - at-large

Sabra Stafford - at-large

Barbara Wells - at-large

*According to the by-laws, these people will have to be replaced in their position in 2017/2018.

Also discussed was the role of Historian - should this be a board position? Currently, this position if appointed by the President with board consent, no term limit. Since FOTPL was formed we have had 3 different Historians. To be discussed at a later date.

Old Business:

By-laws - do they need to be changed? No discussion or action taken.

Shining Star award - we have nominated Carmen Ingols - long time member and supporter of the Friends, past president, current vice-pres. and supplying us with a place to store books for the book sale.

NEW BUSINESS:

Budget Committee - volunteered - Carmen, Linda, Pat H. & Diane as needed. Our Turlock FOTPL needs a volunteer to step up and become the Turlock Representative for the county 1/8-cent sales tax campaign. The committee wants a representative from each FOL in the county so they can coordinate their area for the campaign. Pat P. filled this position for the last campaign and is willing to advise the new person.

She also has extensive notes to share on what she did, when she did it, who are the contacts, etc. Two people can co-chair. They will need to closely coordinate their activities and responsibilities.

Dorothy F. agreed to fill Joan's place to continue the "Book Bin's" fund raising activities.

In May we hope to mail out a letter to remind members and past members of 2 or 3 years who have not renewed their membership as to why it is important to continue supporting FOTPL. Dieter will compose the letter.

Pat H. requested that we receive a expense/income report for all fundraisers so the information is easily available for future information and planning fund raisers to use. Treasurer will prepare a report.

Meeting Adjourned

Respectfully submitted,

Patricia Hickman, Acting Secretary

Next Meeting - APRIL 6, 2016 @ 6:30 Pm