

**Friends of the Turlock Public Library**  
**Board Meeting**  
**6 May 2015**

**Board Members Present:** Diane Bartlett (Turlock Regional Librarian, *ex officio*), Linda Davenport, Phyllis Frasier, Michael Fuller, Carmen Ingols, Hal Owens, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood and Mike Seifert.

**Guests Present:** Dorothy Finnegan, Pat Hickman, Chris Hughes, Barbara Jensen, Pat Rubalcava, Mary Salegue and Jayne Smith.

**Call to Order:** Jeanne was absent. The Vice President, Jackie Oyer, called the meeting to order at 6:29 PM.

**Minutes:** The minutes were approved unanimously after Hal moved and Phyllis seconded that we do so.

**Reports:**

**President:** There was no president's report.

**Treasurer:** Carmen reported that income during the last month had been \$311.65 and expenses had totaled a mere \$90.59, bringing our checking balance down to \$34,023.92. Our CD is still worth just \$7,313.02. Total available funds are \$41,336.94. Carmen presented three bills: one from Diane for \$10.61 (for the science program), another from Michelle for \$95.16 for miscellaneous expenses and a last one from Phyllis for \$51.18 for the last issue of the Newsletter. Michael suggested that we accept the report and pay all outstanding bills; Hal seconded the motion. Passed unanimously.

**Foundation:** Pat P. had Sandy's Shining Star award. | The Foundation Board will meet tomorrow. They're becoming an AAA<sup>1</sup> team. | This summer's fundraiser will be held on Wellsford, just off Geer Road. It will cost approximately \$40 a plate. The speaker will be Paula DeBord, a local author. | Pat also reminded the Board of the library tax proposition, which will be upon us before we know it.

**Newsletter:** Phyllis announced that the May 1 had gone out as planned.

**Membership:** Hal noted one renewal in April. Total membership: 97 individuals, 62 families and 41 life-time members. We should send out a reminder in July that it's time to renew memberships.

**Librarian's Report for April:**

**Programs** for the past month: April 7, 4:00, Spring Into Science (20) | April 8, 10:30, Dance Party (86) | April 8, 7:00, Anyone can get a mortgage in this economy (5) | April 14, 4:00, Three Ways to Save with Bank of the West (children's program)—cancelled due to a family emergency; 10 had signed up | April 15, 7:00, Book Art (cancelled) | April 21, 4:00, recycled piggybanks (12) | April 21, 7:00, Estate Planning (3) | April 28, 4:00, Bilingual Puppet show (41) | May 5, Dia (32).

**Upcoming programs** include: May 12, 4:00 PM, Unicorn craft | May 12, 7:00 PM, Arm Knitting—class full | May 19, 4:00 PM, Butterfly craft | May 19: first day of summer reading challenge (until August 4) | May

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<sup>1</sup> Ambassadors, Advocate, Ask.

20, 7:00 PM, Garden craft (Pinterest program) | May 23, 1:00-3:00 PM, Super Hero Training camp | May 26, 4:00 PM, Lego Day.

Story Times have resumed: Wiggle Worms meet at 10:00 and at 11:00 on Wednesdays, and Preschool at 10:00 and at 11:00 on Thursdays. Michelle is conducting all programs while Lorena is being trained.

On April 26, Diane participated in the Nu Alpha Kappa–sponsored NAKland (formerly known as Family Fun Day) at Columbia Park here in Turlock, which 314 people attended. She was also at the May 2 Love Turlock/Disabilities Festival Booth. About 900 people attended, but Diane didn't get to speak with all of them! In the meantime, she has also visited lots of classes at Cunningham, Dutcher and Julien schools.

Diane thanked various board members for their help with the Science Program and the annual Día<sup>2</sup> event. In fact, she had volunteer service awards for Hanna, Jackie and Carmen for their contributions throughout the year.

Pat Portwood, Michelle Coxford and Diane have completed a grant-training course and can now apply for a Staff Innovation Fund (SIF) award; these funds come through the State Library. Their SIF grant pitch is tomorrow afternoon. We wish them well.

#### **LIBRARIAN'S WISH LIST:**

- \$200 for the book giveaway at the county fair.
- Summer Reading supplemental prizes. We are creating five gift baskets for adult valued at \$25 each. We also will be drawing names for a free book from the Friends' Bookstore in the library. What else? Local gift cards for the teen/tween? Grand prizes?

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Farmers' Market:** Pat P. has reserved space for FOTPL at the following Farmers' Markets: May 23, June 13, July 11 and August 8.

**Storage Facility:** John Lazar says there is no room with the City of Turlock for storing our books. Parks and Recreation doesn't have enough space available. When will the Turlock Gospel Mission building on East Avenue be ready? Someone mentioned Diamond Almonds. Linda will call around. Pat P. and Phyllis, respectively, moved and seconded that we use Carmen's barn for the rest of the year. Passed unanimously.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

**Nominating Committee:** The Nominating Committee presented the slate of nominees for next year's FOTPL Board and officers. It will be printed in the May 2015 Newsletter.

**Budget Committee:** This committee presented a proposed budget (described as "very conservative"), to be voted upon at the upcoming annual meeting. The Board had no concerns about it.

**Next Month's Meetings:** There will be a brief Board meeting beginning at 6:00 PM on 3 June. The annual meeting of the FOTPL will begin at 6:30, immediately after that meeting.

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<sup>2</sup> For full details about El Día de los niños/El Día de los libros, go to <http://dia.ala.org/content/about-d%C3%ADa>. (You can see what it's shortened to just *Día*!) You might also find this site interesting: <http://www.ala.org/>.

**Adjournment:** The meeting adjourned at 7:32 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller  
Recording Secretary