

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
September 4, 2019

Board Members Present: Brooks Judd, Diane Gray, Hal Owen, Hope Werness, Mary Ward, Karon Johnson, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, Jane Cluff, Carmen Ingols and Sabra Stafford

Friends Present: Brian Sontag, Dorothy Finnegan, Jayne Smith, Pat Hickman, Hanna and Dieter Renning, Diane Bartlett, Phyllis Frasier and Michael Siefert

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

Minutes: August Minutes were approved.

President's Report

Pat and Jackie went to a meet and greet with the new county librarian, Sarah Dentan, and both feel very positive about her hiring. She begins on October 14th.

On September 10th at 9:00 the library addition will be discussed at the Board of Supervisors meeting. They usually post the agenda to the public the Friday before the meeting.

Friday is Diane McDonald's last day, and there is a reception to honor her; everyone is welcome.

Library Fund update: Jackie says she will update thermometer.

Bulletin Board: Jackie, Oct; Hope, November; Mary, December; Jackie, January; Diane, February; Sabra, March; Carmen, April and May, Hal.

Treasurer's Report

Carmen reported the FOTPL earned a total of \$312.35 in August from a combination of membership, donations, Friends' Bookstore, the Farmers' Market and interest. We spent 11.00 on membership mailing supplies.

Librarian's Report

The Turlock Library extends into the community! In addition to 10 outreach events in August, a staff member attended the ARSL Association for Rural and Small Libraries meeting, and Diane has been invited to be on the Program Committee for the Carnegie. In addition, Regal Theater has invited the library to put up an information table.

Rotary Club is looking to donate time and volunteers and/or materials.

Gity's sewing program was a hit and Diane hopes to do another.

16 adults attended the most recent Art Expressions program held at 1 P.M. on Wednesdays.

Also in September is Read to a Dog on 9/25, various craft projects on Tuesdays....

Old Business:

Farmers' Market: Our September participation will be the last for the year. Thank you to Brooks for facilitating our participation! Mary researched reading themed items to give to younger children at the Market and maybe other advocacy events. Group voted on two favorites and Mary will order.

Advocacy Committee: Brooks met with Carmen to clarify advocacy goals and decided to focus on getting a storage facility. Brooks will be visiting Rotary and Kiwanis Club meetings to tell them about our need for a storage facility. He is exploring how to reach out to the Chamber of Commerce, and there is a Chamber of Commerce Mixer that a Friends person could attend from 5 to 7 on the 17th. Pat said it would be nice to have FOTPL name tags for advocacy situations. Sabra suggested the Masons would be a good group to reach out to.

Membership Committee: Diane has created a thank you letter to send to new members which she personalizes based on membership type and volunteer categories and includes information about the monthly meetings. She will be printing FOTPL stationary.

New Business:

Book Sale Committee: Jackie will host a meeting at her house. If you are interested in being invited, please let Jackie know.

Board Discussion about fundraising beyond Book Sale. The Book Sale is our primary yearly source of income. We average about \$5000 in profit. FOTPL has also done a fashion show and people have suggested other options such as a garage sale, pub crawl....Pat, Sabra, Jane... all feel that we should focus our energy now on the Book Sale. Carmen feels we are financially strong, can meet our financial commitments to the Turlock Library and do not need to do another fundraiser at this point.

Brian Sontag says almost all tree trimming is completed and soon he will have more concrete information about a construction timeline. It still has not been decided whether the library will remain partially open or closed completely during construction. Our current square footage is about 10,000. The new plan has a 14,000 base for sure and possibly up to 19,000.