



Friends of the Modesto Library
Board of Directors Meeting
March 1, 2017
Modesto Library Conference Room

Meeting called to order at 6:00 by Co-President, Maree Hawkins.

Officers and Directors present: Christine Brereton, Anne Britton, Cande Brody, Ellen Dambrosio, Jonaca Driscoll, Jean Haven, Maree Hawkins, Denise Nordell, Pam Pallios, Cathie Peck, Carmen Pedrioli, Barbara Quinn

Michael Leamy, Modesto Library Manager

Kristine Ezovski, The Little Shop Manager

Guests: Pat Glattke, Robin Russell

Absent: Judy Pierce

Minutes of the December 7, 2016, Board of Directors meeting were approved.

REPORTS

Librarian's Report: Michael Leamy

1. Michael shared some exciting improvements in the Modesto Library such as computer updates in the public computer area, self-serve kiosks to expedite check out and better track the books, and Olga's donation of her \$5,000 award to start a library at Juvenile Hall and the Toyota donation to match that.
2. Future staffing changes were mentioned as was the need for more office space in the library. The area the Little Shop in now using will be needed for office expansion. It was decided that everything should be out of the Little Shop area by April 30th.
3. The county auditor has requested that FOML's contributions to the library's adult and children programs be handled in a different manner.
4. Storage space for FOML supplies will remain in the basement in the same area.

President's Report: Denise Nordell

1. Visualizing Funding for Libraries

Denise, Christine Brereton, and Susan Lilly attended a Foundation Center Webinar, "Visualizing Funding for Libraries," which introduced a new website, (libraries.foundationcenter.org) designated specifically for libraries. This map-based site is funded by the Knight Foundation and helps libraries identify library funders, grant recipients and projects that are receiving funding.

Key points:

a. For most geographical areas, there are twice as many funders as recipients.

b. Funders "expect recipients to be partners and problem solvers with them."

Denise suggested that we consider establishing a committee to explore grant funding opportunities.

2. 2017 Library Tax Campaign update

The tax renewal initiative will appear on the November ballot instead of June.

Save Stanislaus Libraries is currently laying the foundation by identifying community coordinators, staffing tables at events, organizing a Speaker's Bureau, gathering endorsements and raising money. To date about one third of the necessary funds have been raised. Denise has volunteered to run the campaign office.

Nominating Committee: Denise Nordell

The following names will be proposed and voted upon at the Annual Meeting on March 10, 2017 to serve on the FOML Board of Directors for the 2017-18 year:

Co-Presidents: Maree Hawkins, Denise Nordell

Vice President: Pam Pallios

Secretary: Jean Haven

Treasurer: Jonaca Driscoll

Directors-at-Large: Christine Brereton, Anne Britton, Cande Brody, Ellen Dambrosio, Pat Glattke, Cathie Peck, Carmen Pedrioli, Barbara Quinn

Membership Report: Ellen Dambrosio

At the conclusion of 2016 we had 140 paid memberships.

As of Feb. 27, 2017, we have 70 paid members, which included fifty-three renewals, six lapsed who rejoined, and eleven new members. Ellen's goal for this year is 150 members.

Maree shared that she had good results when she reached out to twenty-five friends urging them to donate to the upcoming Used Book Sale, reminding them of the upcoming library referendum, and encouraging them to support FOML by becoming members.

The Raley's and Save Mart rewards checks are less than in the past, but Ellen will be bringing flyers to our Annual meeting to encourage participation.

Nomination of Pat Glattke to the Board of Directors

ACTION: Moved by Denise and seconded by Jonaca that Pat Glattke be confirmed as a Director-at-Large on the FOML Board. Passed unanimously.

Pat's name will be included with the Directors-at-Large for the 2017-18 year and voted upon at the Annual Meeting.

FINANCE

Treasurer's Report: Jonaca Driscoll

December 1, 2016 - February 28, 2017

Expenses:	\$ 3,809.31	
Income:	\$ 4,080.01	
Bank of America Account:	\$ 5,374.64	
FOML Checking Account:	\$ 10,953.86	
FOML Savings Account:	\$ 1,707.29	
Total Assets		\$18,035.79

March 2, 2016 - February 28, 2017

Expenses:	\$ 17,884.02	
Income:	\$ 15,060.35	
TOTAL ASSETS		\$ 18,035.79

ACTION: Ellen moved and Christine seconded that we pay the FOML 2016-17 quarterly disbursements to Modesto Library for the previously approved budgeted items. Passed unanimously.

While a \$3,000 donation to the Save Stanislaus Libraries Campaign has been previously approved by the board, it was decided to also ask for an advisory "vote of confidence" at the Annual Meeting to signify the Friends' strong support of the library tax.

Michael presented the Library's funding requests for FY 2017-18 which will be discussed at the June Board meeting.

Little Shop Report: Kristine Ezovski

12/01/2016 - 2/28/2017 Net Income: \$ 329.00
Revenue: \$329.00 Expenses: \$ 0.00

6/01/16 - 2/28/17 Net income: \$ 411.07
Revenue: \$635.50 Expenses: \$ 224.43

Kristine announced that she is stepping down as head of the Little Shop after serving for three years. She introduced Robin Russell, who has been volunteering there and will continue to assist in managing the Little Shop. However, the future of the Little Shop is on hold, as the space will no longer be available. Pam, Cande, Denise, and Robin volunteered to meet and brainstorm options for the future of the Little Shop. Pam will coordinate a meeting.

BUSINESS MEMBERSHIPS: Ellen Dambrosio

Ellen presented revised FOML Membership forms for individuals and businesses containing the different membership levels based on their donation. She also included a proposed cover letter for business owners. It was agreed that there is a

need for an increase in membership dues and categories for the 2018 membership year. These will be discussed further at the next Board meeting.

MARCH GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING: Barbara Quinn

The meeting will be held March 10, 2017 on the Library Main Floor, from 5:30 - 7 p.m. FOML members were asked to arrive just before 5 to help set up. Maree has offered to bring a cheese and cracker platter, Barbara will provide fresh fruit and cookies, and members are bringing bottles of wine.

Stella Beratlis, Modesto's current Poet Laureate and a past FOML president, will be the presenter.

ACTIVITIES/EVENTS/VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Rosemary Wells: Anne Britton

Preparations for Rosemary Wells' visit to Modesto are being finalized. She will do hold a reading and book signing at the Modesto Library on April 3rd at 11:15 and a presentation at the Peterson Event Center at 6:30 that evening. Barnes and Noble will have her books available for sale, and FOML will receive a percentage of the sales.

Ms. Wells's visit and appearances are made possible by a grant to FOML from Omega Nu, and fees paid by Hickman Charter School and Merced County Library as well as donations from Stanislaus Community Foundation and an anonymous donor (later revealed to be Vickie Higginbotham). Anne was thanked for all her work in arranging this event.

Used Book Sale: Pat Glatke

Pat reported that books are being collected and the sorting team of Denise, Maree, Pat, and Cathie P. are hard at work preparing for the annual Used Book Sale to be held on May 6, 2017. A sign-up sheet was passed around for volunteers to help throughout the day. Board members need to arrive by 6 a.m. to help with preparations for the early bird shopping available to FOML members. Michael will remind the library staff that books donated for the FOML sale need to be set aside and not sold in the library sales area.

ACTION: Denise moved and Ellen seconded that up to \$200 be allotted to purchase signage for the Book Sale that could be used for a number of years.

Approved unanimously.

Kristine suggested that used books from the Little Shop be donated for the sale.

November Scholastic Book Fair: Maree

A volunteer is needed to head up the November Book Fair which will be held November 9 - 12, 2017. Anne, who has organized this event for years, is not available that week but she will have made all the necessary preparations.

Imagination Library: Cathie Peck

Cathie will give her report at the next meeting.

CALENDAR

March 10, 2017	General Membership Meeting, 5:30 - 7 p.m.
April 3, 2017	Rosemary Wells visit, Peterson Event Center, 6:30 p.m.
April 8, 2017	Shining Star Awards at the Salida Library
May 6, 2017	Used Book Sale, 6 a.m. set-up
June 7, 2017	Board Meeting (Held in Auditorium) 6:00 p.m.
September 6, 2017	Board Meeting, 6 p.m.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted on June 7, 2017.

Jean Haven, Secretary