



**FRIENDS OF THE MODESTO LIBRARY
ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
1 MARCH 2023**

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President Denise Nordell.

Officers and Directors present were Anne Britton, Christine Brereton, Cande Brody, Ellen Dambrosio, Marilyn Drew, Pat Glattke, Maree Hawkins, Judy Herrero, Denise Nordell, Pam Pallios, Cathie Peck, Julie Saugstad, Beverly Schlegel and Isa Wiechmann. Members and guests present were Modesto Library Manager Chris Moreno as well as Diane Bartlett, Joanna Cusenza, Donna Flanders, Alene Griffin, Jean Haven, Mary Alice Metzler, Gin Miller, Anne-Marie Montgomery, Marylou Rousseau, Julie Reuben, Paula Scheidecker, Henrietta Sparkman and guest speaker Marian Martino.

Guest Speaker: Marian Martino

As a volunteer with the non-profit MY Project, Ms. Martino works as a writing facilitator with incarcerated juveniles. She spoke of the effect writing has on the lives of the youth there and she explained how the non-profit arranges a weekly writing session for the 100+ inmates on Monday evenings. Materials such as educators' writing prompts and books to support the Juvenile Justice Center's library as well as books for the youngsters' personal libraries are used to promote writing skills and self-awareness. In the question-and-answer session after her talk, the continual funding need to continue the program was outlined. Monetary donations were said to be preferred because of restrictions on what books are accepted.

President's Report: Denise Nordell

In year-in-review highlights accompanying slides, Denise reflected on the past, celebrated the present, and outlined ways FOML is mobilized for the future.

Over the past year, FOML **funded \$14,000 in library programs and services** that include extra training for library staff; MakerSpace equipment; books for programs like Día De Los Niños/Libros, First Fridays and the Juvenile Justice Center; youth programs like Hogwarts Winter Break and the Kids Craft Fair; and materials for both adult and children's programs and for special seasonal displays. Even new fish for the tank! Primary **fundraisers** were two Used Book Sales, two Scholastic book fairs and a Barnes & Noble book fair.

Events for both fun and **advocacy** happened all year long. Friends participated in events partnering with library staff at several Downtown Modesto's First Fridays and a booth at the Farmers Market where 50 new library card applications were collected.

The ongoing **Yarning with Friends** group produced pumpkins used for a treasure hunt in the Children's department, patriotic regalia in July, and the traditional holiday tree was set out in December.

Other events supported with FOML **volunteers** and/or funding included Halloween Story Time and Parade, Read to a Dog, 4th of July Parade and PoeCon with Opera Modesto. The Dewey Crew was inaugurated with volunteers to help maintain the Children's Room shelf order and lend a hand on processing materials for programs such as STEAM kits and Día give-away books.

Organizational efforts included a new Fundraising Committee chaired by María Hernández, an archive project to capture FOML history, adoption of a document retention policy, and the creation of an organizational manual of procedures and officer responsibilities. New policies on gift-giving and receiving by FOML and document retention were adopted as well as new Mission and Vision statements. Procedures for recruiting, scheduling volunteers, event coordination and newsletter changes brought new outlooks in those areas.

The near **future** involves Friends advocating and volunteering at Modesto Library’s National Library Week and Día events in April, Used Book Sale on May 6 and Scholastic Book Fair May 31-June 5. Looking forward has us looking backward in 2024 as FOML celebrates its 50th anniversary that year!

Denise ended with a call to members to participate and listed areas of need with this challenge:

Where do you fit in?

- Volunteers at library and Friends events
- Photographer
- Committee Chair for 50th Birthday Activities
- Library Ambassadors
- Fundraising Committee

Minutes: December meeting minutes previously distributed to board members were approved as presented on Julie’s motion seconded by Maree.

Treasurer's Report: Denise for Jonaca Driscoll

The current account balance is strong.

December 2022 through February 2023 Summary

Expenditures	\$ 4,838.40
Income	\$ 7,940.91
Current Assets	\$52,460.14

ACTION TAKEN: On a motion by Judy Herrero and seconded by Beverly the report was accepted.

Budget Items Request to FOML for 2023/2024

At the December FOML meeting the request list from the Modesto Library for the proposed 2023/2024 budget was submitted. The Library now submitted a new item for 2023/2024: \$500 to be used for books that would include a bookplate recognizing Pat Glatke for her six years of running used book sales. Those raised \$22,000!

ACTION TAKEN: The amended proposal to include an additional \$500 was approved for consideration at the June meeting on a motion by Anne seconded by Isa.

Discussion of funding for books to be given at events such as First Fridays brought out the need for lead time to maximize matching grants and for the ordering of the books. Pat agreed to set things in

motion as preparation for any further request from the Modesto Library, if one is presented. Chris will confer with staff on both any intent to participate and on number of books (and cost), if needed.

Quarterly Funding Allocation

ACTION TAKEN: The scheduled allocation of \$2,800 was approved on a motion by Christine seconded by Pam.

Chris requested a supplemental \$500 allocation in the current year's budget for materials to support April's **National Library Week** events and advocacy activities.

ACTION TAKEN: After discussion the request from the library was approved to add \$500 to the current quarterly allocation for National Library Week supplies on a motion by Isa seconded by Pat.

Anne reported that the timing of the CA State Library's 50% matching grants for Imagination Library will be implemented later than expected. In order to continue to sign up children at the Modesto Library with **Imagination Library**, the second \$1000 from FOML matching the Modesto Rotary grant is needed now, not in the summer.

ACTION TAKEN: After discussion the consensus was to instruct Jonaca to write the second check for \$1000 to SCOE Charitable Foundation for the purpose of enabling Modesto Library staff to continue to register children with the Imagination Library of Stanislaus County.

Election of Officers

The nomination committee, chaired by Isa Wiechmann, presented the following slate of officer nominees for the 2023/2024 term. There were no nominations from the floor.

President	Denise Nordell
Vice President	Beverly Schlegel
Treasurer	Pat Glatke (for a 6-month term)
Secretary	Anne Britton

ACTION TAKEN: The slate of officers presented was approved by acclamation on a motion made by Julie Rueben and seconded by Ellen.

Announcements/Upcoming Events/ Volunteer Opportunities

National Library Week	April 8-13
Diá de los Niños/Libros at Modesto Library	April 29
Used Book Sale	May 6
Scholastic Book Fair	May 31-June 5
Yarning with Friends	First Monday of each month at 5:30.

Approved June 2023

Anne Britton

Anne Britton, Secretary

Proposed

Modesto Library Funding Request to FOML, 2023-2024						
Items Requested	Total Requested	Quarterly Meeting Date Funds Requested				Strategic Priorities
		9/6/2023	12/6/2023	3/6/2024	6/5/2024	
Circulation Display Supplies (Poster Board, Paper, Velcro, Paint, Dye Cutter materials, etc)	\$700	\$700				3.a
Juvenile Justice Center book club (YSO, Annie Snell)	\$800		\$800			3.b, 5.a
Modesto Dia Event (April 2024)	\$1,200		\$1,200			3.a, 3.b, 4.c, 5.a
Staff Professional Development trainings	\$1,600			\$1,600		2.d
Family After Hours Winter Program [Formerly Harry Potter event] (December 2023)	\$800	\$800				4.a, 4.c
Adult Programming (\$300/Quarter)	\$1,200	\$300	\$300	\$300	\$300	3.b, 4.a, 4.c
Childrens Programming/Crafts (\$800/Quarter)	\$3,200	\$800	\$800	\$800	\$800	3.b, 4.a, 4.b, 4.c
Books for County Fair (Susan Lilly)	\$400				\$400	3.b, 4.a, 5.a
Makerspace Programming and supplies (\$500/Quarter)	\$2,000	\$500	\$500	\$500	\$500	4.a, 4.c
Folding Tables (6)	\$400			\$400		2.a
Button Maker Kits - Makerspace	\$1,200	\$1,200				4.a, 4.c
Meta Quest 2 Oculus Virtual Reality Headset - Makerspace	\$600	\$600				4.a, 5.a
PAT GLATTKE APPRECIATION	\$500	\$500				
Totals	\$14,600	\$5,400	\$3,600	\$3,600	\$2,000	

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