

FRIENDS OF THE TURLOCK PUBLIC LIBRARY
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES

APRIL 7, 2010

CALL TO ORDER

Nancy Jewett, President, called the meeting to order at 7:00 Pm. In attendance were Board Members: Nancy Jewett, Pres.; Susan Helm-Lauber, Treasurer; Pat Hickman, Secretary; Michael Fuller; Dieter Renning; Dorothy Finnegan; Ann Krabach; Christine Nielsen. Also in attendance: Carol Bloomquist, Turlock Public Librarian; Hanna Renning; Joan Ahlstrand; Sandy Mann.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

On motion by Renning/Hickman the minutes were approved as corrected. Corrections: The names of Faye Gibbs, Vice President and Dorothy Finnegan should be listed among board members attending and removed from the "Also attending" list. The name of Carol Blomquist, Turlock Public Librarian, should be added to those attending.

REPORTS

Michael Fuller noted that the Librarian's Report that was to be attached to the March minutes was not sent. Nancy will send it to us.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT: *Nancy Jewett*

For their support and advocacy of the library, FOTPL members Susan Helm- Lauber and Harrison Gibbs will receive Shining Star awards from the Stanislaus County Library Foundation. The awards will be presented at a luncheon honoring the recipients on April 17 at the Salida library.

The Friends Conference featuring sharing best practices and networking at the Nick W. Blom Salida Regional Library has been rescheduled for Saturday, May 15. from 9 to 11:00 a.m.. Those who had planned to attend in April will check their schedules to see whether they can attend in May.

TREASURER'S REPORT *Susan Helm-Lauber*

Treasurer's report was handed out to the Board members and other attendees. An additional bill for \$194.21 for children's programs is expected. This year's budget ends on June 30. The balance is carried over to the new budget. The board has authority to move money from one category to another if it sees fit. On motion by Hickman/Fuller, the budget was approved.

MEMBERSHIP REPORT *Christine Nielsen*

We now have 280 paid members.

TURLOCK LIBRARIAN'S REPORT: *Carol Bloomquist*

Tomorrow, Susan Guest will have a Teddy Bear Matinee with a movie and cape making craft. The children will make a cape for their favorite stuffed toy. The in 'N Out Burger Cover to Cover Club continues through April 17.

February 2010 circulation statistics were up 18.3% from February of 2009; 4,417 more items than last year (2009-24129 –2010-28,546). Jan 2010 circulation exceeded that of January 2008 when Turlock Library was open on Tuesdays.

Ingles sin Barreras ESL materials are being processed and should soon be available for check out. The price had risen significantly from the original quote, but the company's St. Patrick's Day special set the cost a little less than the \$1,200 allocated for it.

Carol ordered 7 gardening books from the Gallison Fund money and has requested the purchase of 4 gardening DVDs.

The coming fiscal year will be even more challenging than the current fiscal year. The magazine budget will be cut 30% - 60%. Carol and the staff are currently reviewing the list of magazines to decide what to put on the "cut" list. They are starting with those they think are "must keep" and working down from there. Carol would like the Friends to support a few magazine subscriptions for the library when the actual cuts are determined.

Taste of Turlock: Carol checked into setting up a table at the Taste of Turlock event on May 1 as a library outreach, but she could not be there all day as required. She wondered if the Board would be interested in participating as an outreach for the FOTPL. The fee quoted to Carol was \$50.00. The set up for the event is 10:00 or 10:30 a.m. We would need members to staff the table from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Joan offered to check with Trina Wally, who is in charge, to see what would be necessary, including what the participation fee would be for us and to find volunteers to work that day.

The Turlock Journal included a picture from the puppet show at the Turlock Library in their March 10 article about the Stanislaus County Library.

Carol requested that anyone with ideas for prizes for the adult summer reading program see her after the meeting. She thanked us for our support of the Turlock Library.

BOOK BIN: Joan Ahlstrand reported that Last month we earned \$138.00. People seem to respond well to the Book Bin's new location within Ritzy Rags. The section for men is receiving much attention. In their report of sales, Ritzy Rags provides information we can use to determine which books to place there. On motion by Hickman/Fuller, we agreed to purchase two artificial plants for the bookcase.

BOOK SORTING: Sandy Mann reported the sorting of Pallet 5 was finished today. Tomorrow is the last day of this round of sorting. The next will be in August. Since the book sale, Dieter has taken 80 boxes of books to Hy Power.

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE. The board agreed that there was nothing urgent that needed changing in the by-laws and dropped the by-laws amendment issue.

SCHOOL OUTREACH COMMITTEE Joan Ahlstrand reported that all 250 Turlock Public school third grade classes have been touched by the FTOPL. Jack Williams will contact the two local private schools. Then, he and Joan will begin a new rotation with the public schools.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE: Dorothy Finnegan distributed the list of nominees for the 2010-2011 board proposed by the committee. It is our custom to allow two members of the same household to serve on the board.

JUNE ANNUAL MEETING PREPARATIONS: The date for the annual meeting is Wednesday, June 2. Notice must be given 2 weeks in advance.

BUDGET COMMITTEE: The budget committee will prepare and present to the board for review a budget for next year. The board will present its recommended budget at the annual meeting.

LIBRARY BOOKSTORE: Nancy presented her concerns and revisions to the proposed license agreement between the City of Turlock and the Friends of the Modesto Public Library. She addressed the provision that we assume responsibility for damage or injury resulting from use of the property. We have insurance that covers similar liability for our annual book sales. Susan agreed to check with our insurance company to see what would be necessary to insure use of the proposed bookstore as well. We reviewed the purpose of the bookstore and agreed that although we do not plan to sell merchandise other than books, we should retain the provision to do so. Revisions to the original proposed license agreement: substituted "Turlock" for "Modesto;" start date changed to July 1, 2010.

There are other costs that are uncertain. The estimate that the cost of each lock for the bookstore would be \$300.00 was unofficial, and we haven't yet determined the number of keys we will need. The size of the store is 11 X 11.

NEW BUSINESS: Vivian Manha passed away. She was a past president and strong supporter of the FOTPL, who was responsible for making our connection to Hy Power. In the obituary, the family requested remembrances be sent to the Salvation Army. On motion by Ahlstrand/Nielsen we agreed to donate \$100.00 to the Salvation Army in memory of Vivian.

We discussed the important roles both Vivian and Doug McDermott had played in the history of the FOTPL. Hanna volunteered to write up an article about their contributions for the May newsletter.

ADJOURNMENT: On motion by Nielsen/Fuller, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,
Ann Krabach, filling in for Pat Hickman, Secretary