

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
December 1, 2021

Board Members Present: Pat Portwood, Mary Ward, Jane Cluff, Carmen Ingols, Diane Gray, Jackie Oyer, Sandie Sing, Pat Williams and Sabra Stafford. Absent: Terri Shaver

Friends Present: Karina Mendoza, Phyllis Frasier and Mike Seifert

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

Welcome: Pat P. welcomed the group.

Minutes: Diane made a mistake; we have 143 members. Diane moved we approve the minutes given her correction, Mary seconded, and the board voted to approve.

Reports

Treasurer: Carmen reported the following for October:

Income:	386.70
Expenses:	21,564.60
Ck. Acct & time dep:	24,970.67
Library Funds:	369,318.57
Grand total:	394,289.24

Librarian: New data bases on the website are all job-based: Coursera, LinkedIn Learning, Northstar (basic computer skills) and Skillshare.

Old Business

Library Presents Committee: Jackie shared details about the magician show on Saturday, January 22nd. There will be 50 children's tickets and 25 adult tickets available per show in the Friends Bookstore. Pat reminded the group that this is an FOTPL event funded by a special donation. Sabra suggested that we publicize in the newspaper and on social media after the event, since we have limited tickets and want them to go to library customers. Jackie emphasized that we will need to enforce the mask mandate. Mary suggested we create FOTPL shirts for board members to wear at events. We will supply children and adult-sized masks.

Pat shared a list of potential author guest speakers with an initial preference for Amor Towles. His negotiable speaking price is listed as \$25,000.0 for a three hour engagement. Pat plans to meet with Ron Rodriguez, the CSUS Director of Library Services to propose a joint engagement. Towles is speaking nearby and could possibly speak here on June 6th or 8th. The donors would like the high caliber of this speaker. The board approved pursuing the possibilities.

Finance Committee: Mike explained that the group decided to go with Raymond James and Morgan Stanley as financial planning finalists. Ameriprise and Stanislaus Community Foundation were not chosen. The group looked for someone who was willing to work within prescribed boundaries, work to ensure long-term returns, and accessibility. They will meet on Thursday, 12/9 at 4:00 to interview the two candidates and anyone is welcome to attend.

Membership Committee: Diane shared that we currently have 143 members, including 63 lifetime members. We will send out letters to elicit renewals in 2022.

Bookstore: Jackie said we made over \$300 in November and donations have increased, although they have been refusing quite a few. They are always looking for 2010 or newer hardback fiction, nonfiction and children's.

Newsletter: Phyllis explained the next newsletter will come out in February, and that it is generally sent to members only.

New Business

Library Sign Committee: Pat requested a person to work with her on city paperwork for street signs and also help pursue a sign on library premises.

We are looking for a library location to display two FOTPL plaques.

Pat asked for approval to pay for a \$25 California Library Association membership. Diane moved to approve and Sabra seconded.

Pat also reminded us that we should consider ourselves advocates for the library, especially given building resistance to the presence of some materials in the library.

Next meeting: January 5th at the library