

**Minutes • Meeting of the Board of Directors**  
**Friends of the Turlock Public Library**  
**1 February 2017**  
**6:30 PM – 8:00 PM**

**Board Members Present:** Diane Bartlett (ex officio), Linda Davenport, Michael Fuller, Carmen Ingols, Brooks Judd, Jackie Oyer, Pat Portwood, Dieter Renning, Pat Rubalcava, Mike Seifert, Sabra Stafford and Barbara Wells || **Friends Present:** Joan Ahlstrand, Dorothy Finnegan, Sandy Mann and Jayne Smith

**Call to Order:** Jackie called the meeting to order at 6:30-ish.

**Approval of the Minutes:** Dieter moved and Pat P. seconded his motion that the minutes of the January meeting be approved. Unanimous.

**President's Report:** Jackie reminded the Board that we need to appoint a Nominating Committee to conduct business long before our annual meeting. We also need a Fundraising Committee. Sabra, Dieter and Linda will serve on the Nominating Committee (with Sabra as chair), and Linda and Sabra will co-chair the Fundraising Committee (with Carmen and Joan as members). Thanks to all who volunteered for these positions!

Jackie also reported that Hanna and Joan are retiring after last week's book sale. An ad hoc committee including Sandy, Joan, Linda and Donna Appelt was formed to consider options for next year's book sale, including a venue for the sale.

**Treasurer's Report:** Linda reported income of \$5692.79 and expenses of \$1094.58 for the month of January, leaving a checkbook balance of \$19,869.78 as of 31 January 2017. The Gallison Fund CD gained \$12,36 in interest, raising the balance to \$6881.03. Our CD also added \$16.36 in interest, so we now have \$7345.23 in that CD. The library building fund money market balance was reported to be \$12,705.20, after deposits of \$351. Our two library building fund CDs remain unchanged at \$25,195.29 and \$30,000. Her report was accepted. Linda also reported that this year's book sale brought in about \$1065 less than last year's.

**Membership Chair's Report:** Mike reported that, unofficially, we had 29 renewals and seven family subscriptions during the Book Sale. We now have 69 individual members, 22 family subscriptions and 42 life members, for a grand total of 133. Pat P. and Jackie volunteered to call those who have not renewed their membership.

**Report from the Foundation:** Pat P. said that she and Jane Manley will act as co-chairs for the campaign. | Reminders about the campaign: it will be for a 12-year renewal of the  $\frac{1}{8}$ -cent sales tax; now it will not have an official designation until April<sup>1</sup>; it will be on the ballot in November, because of the exorbitant cost for a single-issue ballot. Meanwhile, the campaign committee has

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<sup>1</sup> And let's hope it's not April 1! We'll accept any letter ... except F.

reserved a place for its headquarters in the Teamsters' building, just down "I" Street from the Modesto Library and, coincidentally, across the street from Blue Moon. | Pat also reminded the Board of the 18 August Party at the Library and the Gala on 23 September. | Olga Cárdenas is donating to the Foundation the \$5000 award she recently received to fund a library at the Juvenile Detention Center. The even better news is that the local Toyota dealership is contributing \$7500 to the project; it will be matched by another contribution from the Toyota Corporation.

**Newsletter:** The next issue will be in February, which will include information about the book sale.

**Librarian's Report:** Diane reported that the County Library will be making changes in the way it purchases items: the stores' staffer will now be purchasing *all* items. Staff at the Turlock library would like to be able to request items. A line item in their budget will estimate the amount for items normally paid for by the FOTPL; Diane will then ask FOTPL to reimburse the library system. | Diane expressed some concerns about our overspending in the children's program line item in the FOTPL's current budget. However, we made only an internal adjustment from "children's materials" to "children's programs." | Diane also reported that HeyTurlock has a \$10 fee for each event posted on social media; it's a "per-item" fee. Postings on their calendar are free. She said that she is still putting the \$200 annual fee into her budget. | Some highlights of this coming month's programs: "Anime Your Way" (15 Feb.), "Great Valley Museum: Rocks and Minerals" (21 Feb.) and a spa day advertised as "Love Yourself at the Library" (Feb. 13). The latter is being publicized by Ladybugs on the Go.

**Book Sale:** Hanna could not make the meeting this evening because she had managed to catch cold during the sale. Sandy said she would continue to coordinate sorting. Carmen again agreed to let FOTPL store books in her barn. | We could find no one who would take our leftover books, so we sold them to Discover Books for 2¢/lb. | Thank-you letters to all volunteer workers and the Methodist Church will be going out soon. Hanna will also write an article for the Newsletter. | The survey about where people found out about the sale indicates our publicity was on target.

**Advisory Committee Report:** Dorothy reported that the Stanislaus County Library has 22 new computers for paying library fines. It is unclear when the branch libraries will get one (or more). She was very impressed by the ease of the library's self-checkout and fine-paying capabilities.

**Adjournment:** At 7:26 Michael moved and Barbara J. quickly seconded the motion to adjourn. We might just as well not have because there were the large yard signs to return and some chit-chat.

**Next Meeting:** 1 March at 6:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*Michael Fuller*, Secretary

