

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
March 3, 2021

Board Members Present: Pat Portwood, Sabra Stafford, Jane Cluff, Carmen Ingols, Brooks Judd, Diane Gray, Jackie Oyer, Karon Johnson, Greg Rogers, Terri Shaver, Sandie Sing, Mary Ward and Patricia Williams.

Friends Present: Diane Bartlett, Bryan Sontag, Hanna and Dieter Renning, Pat Hickman and Sarah Dentan

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

Welcome: Pat welcomed FOTPL and Sarah Dentan, County Librarian. She added that Andrew Nosrati, City Councilman and FOTPL's city liaison, has been invited to meetings.

Minutes: Jackie made a motion to approve the February minutes and Diane Gray seconded.

Reports

Treasurer: Carmen reported the following:

Income:	110,086.79
Expenses:	73.72
Ck. Acct & time dep:	24,200.04
Library Funds:	330,672.33
Grand total:	354,872.37

Librarian: Diane Bartlett shared that Vito Chiesa applauded the FOTPL's fundraising success in the State of the County Address. She updated us on library activities including March Madness, a favorite book voting activity,

and Beanstack, a virtual platform that allows readers to participate in reading challenges. A couple of resources have changed; magazines will now be accessed through Libby app, and Transparent Languages will now be available through its own app. Diane's replacement has been chosen: Karina Mendoza, a Turlock native. We sure will miss Diane.

Old Business

Membership Report: Diane G reported that we got two new multi-year memberships and have 142 paid numbers including five new ones this month.

Update on Renovation: (stanislauslibrary.org/turlockexpansion): Bryan shared that "substantial completion" should be complete by early April! There will be a crosswalk between the Senior Center and the library. Capital Projects will create an interior video in early to mid April. Pat suggested we have a pre opening for donors.

Update on Fundraising Committee and Review of Fundraising Packet: The Turlock Journal donated a \$1500 ad which listed donors, and the ad elicited more donations! Jackie has been fielding lots of donations on gmail. Jennie Ferrari walked through the library with the designer last week to assess spaces for donor names. Plans are also being made for including names of FOTPL pioneers. Seven of the rooms are named. Hilmar Cheese is considering donating a large sum, possibly for the Community Room. The Main Library remains unnamed. The campaign is officially over and the committee will be meeting on March 15 to finalize the wall design.

Follow up on art competition Ideas by the Art Committee: Mary reported that the Carnegie has already received 20 submissions from 14 people; all submissions are due by April 4th. She also mentioned contest advertising via a Stan State Signal article, Mistlin Gallery, Central California Art Association, Carnegie, The Modesto Bee....

Article VI Elections and Terms of Office update-tabled until April Board meeting: This discussion was tabled until April.

New Business

Presentation by Sarah Dentan, County Librarian, Possible Upgrades Discussion: Sarah explained that the Furnishing, Fixtures and Equipment are covered but detailed the following upgrades which the FOTPL could possibly agree to fund:

- Tables and chairs upgrade \$35,000
- Fixtures and equipment \$11,000
- Children’s rugs and seating \$2,200
- Children’s learning toys \$3,300

Total	\$51,500
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After discussion, Brooks made a motion to fund the upgrades, and Mary, Sabra and Jackie all seconded.

Book Bin: Hanna confirmed that Mary and Brooks had volunteered to help with the Book Bin at Gallery Finesse. Jane would also like to help. Candy Klaschus will be helping with looking up collectible book prices.

Other: Pat H suggested we sell old Friends’ bookshelves at some point.

Next meeting -April 7 via zoom