

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting
5 November 2014

Board Members Present: Diane Bartlett (Turlock Regional Librarian, *ex officio*), Linda Davenport, Jeanne Endsley, Nancy Frykman, Michael Fuller, Carmen Ingols, Brooks Judd, Gity Miller, Hal Owens, Pat Portwood, Mike Seifert.

Guests Present: Joan Ahlstrand, Pat Hickman, Sandy Mann, Hanna Renning, Jayne Smith.

Call to Order: Jeanne Endsley called the meeting to order at 6:31 PM. Hal/Brooks moved and seconded that the minutes of the September meeting be approved. Passed unanimously. Nancy/Gity moved and seconded that the October meeting be approved with one date change noted. Passed.

Reports:

President: Jeanne passed around a copy of the *Turlock Historical Record*. She also announced that Michelle Coxford will replace Olga as children's librarian at the Turlock Library.

Treasurer: Carmen had received three bills: (a) from Olga for \$86.78 for the Halloween program; (b) from Jana for \$38.29, also for Halloween; (c) from Jen Paris for \$6.44 for Lego people. Michael moved and Nancy and Hal simultaneously seconded that Carmen pay these bills. Approved. Ending balances were \$25,775.86 in our checking account and \$7,296.97 in the CD. There is also an interest-only CD (the Gallison Fund) that is currently at \$6,840.59.

Membership: Hal said that there had been no new renewals. There is a total of 119 members (plus 27 more if we include families), including lifetime members. Gity noted that memberships seem really down. Hal said he had a list of 148 members who had not renewed. Pat suggested that each board member call 10 to 15 former members. Someone asked if we send emails only to members. Hal will bring a 'broken-up' list for the phone duty to the December meeting.

Newsletter: Phyllis said that the August newsletter is almost ready and will go out very soon.

Turlock Librarian: Anne-Marie said that the benches are "very popular." She went on to add a big thank-you to Brooks Judd, thanks to whom the Library was able to add more Lego blocks and Lego people to its Lego collection! He had secured a \$25 Target gift certificate, which was redeemed October 3.

October highlights at the Library: Special thanks to Joan Ahlstrand, Linda Davenport and Sandy Mann for decorating and staffing the Trick-or-Treat stations the preceding Thursday during the special Halloween program. There were approximately 140 participants. The Halloween program consisted of stories, crafts and trick-or-treating. | She also wanted to acknowledge the invaluable contribution of seven Friends who helped during the Read-to-a-Dog program in October. They are Nancy Frykman, Fran Fears, Phyllis Frasier, Linda Davenport, Jayne Smith, Brooks Judd and Carmen Ingols. She added, "Thank you all for helping promote literacy through your service! A total of 19 young readers participated in the program."

Ongoing & Upcoming Programs for November include: Story Time, which is currently in session through December. | Our library will be hosting an ABC Project graduation ceremony on Saturday, November 8 to celebrate project participants who have turned five years old. Through the Dolly Parton Imagination Library, the ABC Project provides books each month to registered young Turlock residents ages 0-5. | There will be a perler beads craft program for teens and tweens on November 18 beginning at 4 PM. | Another Lego Day will take place on Tuesday, November 25 beginning at 3:30 PM.

Stanislaus Library Foundation: Pat reminded us of the launch of *Ashes in the Teacup*, the community novel. The Foundation has already sold 53 of the 200 printed. She will bring some to the December meeting. Cost is \$12.95, tax included. | She also reminded everyone that Daniel Handler (AKA Lemony Snicket) will be at the Gallo Center on November 16. Tickets range between \$15 and \$54 (which includes a meet-and-greet at 2 PM). There will be a book signing at B&N. | And don't forget that whenever you go to amazon.com, B&N or GoodSearch through <http://www.stanislauslibraryfoundation.org>, you help generate referral funds for the Foundation. | The Foundation has received \$25,300 through business donations.

Advisory Committee: Hal reported that there was nothing new.

Old Business:

Hy-Power Update: Joan announced that Hy-Power has been sold. She thinks the new owners will let us stay, but it is uncertain what conditions (e.g., will it remain free?, will they use their forklift to move pallets for us?) might apply. Conrad's last day will be November 16. (Hanna and Joan gave Conrad a copy of *Streams in a Thirsty Land*.) Joan suggested that everyone put on their thinking caps for a way of dealing with the possibility of having to find a different place to store our books.

Book Sale: We always have leftover books that don't sell in January. In the past, someone has always been willing to take them off our hands, often sending them to Africa. This year we are still looking for some kind soul to step forward. Joan had thought of donating them to the Weed Library, which had been destroyed by fire. Their reply indicated that they "really don't need any more books!" So ... It seems Cheryl Horsley has a friend who operates a bookstore in Seattle who might be willing to rent a U-Haul. Someone mentioned that the Sheriff's Department takes certain paperbacks (as does We Care). Hanna announced that our sale is now listed on <http://www.booksalefinder.com>.

The Board considered ways to advertize the book sale other than through our newsletter. Joan had done a bit of research and discovered a place that would sell us 18" x 24" yard signs for \$10 each: the normal retail price is \$20. Mike moved, seconded by Gity, that FOTPL buy 25 signs. After some additional discussion, Mike moved (again), this time seconded by Michael, that we buy an additional two that are double-sided. The signs can be put up at busy intersections, etc. Posters for businesses and churches will be available at the next meeting.

Ad hoc Nominating Committee: Jeanne appointed Pat Hickman, Mike Seifert and Carmen Ingols to the Nominating Committee.

New Business:

Calendars: Carmen received information on the 365-day calendars we sold last year; we sold all 55. The retail price for each is \$13.99, but we can get them for \$2.50 + S&H. It was decided that Carmen should order 55.

Adjournment: There being no other new business, Brooks moved that we adjourn. Michael seconded the motion. It was 7:55 PM.

Next Meeting: 3 December 2014 at 6:30 PM in the Turlock Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller