

Friends of the Turlock Public Library
Board Meeting Minutes
2 November 2016
6:30 – 8:00 PM, Turlock Library

Board Members Present: Diane Bartlett (Turlock Regional Librarian, *ex officio*), Linda Davenport, Michael Fuller, Carmen Ingols, Barbara Jensen, Jackie Oyer, Dieter Renning, Pat Rubalcava, Mike Seifert, Sabra Stafford and Barbara Wells

Others Present: Dorothy Finnegan and Hanna Renning

Call to Order: Jackie called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM.

Minutes: Dieter moved that the minutes of the September meeting be approved. Mike seconded the motion, which then passed unanimously.

Reports:

President: Jackie reported on the Friends' table at the Carnegie Book Fair. Four people helped at the table: Mike, Carmen, Brooks and Jackie. They passed out packets of information to interested individuals and offered caramels and Hershey Kisses to anyone else who wandered by. | She also reported that the Friends have been given a regular precinct for tomorrow's election. Everyone involved completed the training (which met with something less than enthusiasm). Hanna will be in charge of our "operation." | And she also reported that the library's Children's Halloween Programs (78 + 35) went well; this is always her personal favorite library activity because the children are always "very polite and cute." | Mike Yost's *Star Wars* collection consists of four large containers. Carmen has been using bits and pieces in the display cases, but it might be worth something. Dorothy's son is very knowledgeable about such things and might be able to advise us.

Treasurer: Linda reported that income during the month of October had been \$2057.50 while expenses had totaled \$2641.26, bringing our checking balance down to \$14,934.53. Our CD remains at \$7329.11. There are two Library Building Fund CDs, one for \$25,195.29 and another for \$30,000, and the Library Building Fund money market account was rolled over (for two years) with \$10,192.69, and a deposit of \$280 was made, bringing that total to \$10,472.69. There was neither question nor comment, so we accepted the report.

Membership: Mike said that during October three individuals renewed their memberships. Grand total of membership now reads: Individual 36, Family 15, Life 42¹, for a total of 89. | Mike also reported that an individual has expressed interest in volunteering in the bookstore and at the book sale.

Foundation: There was no report from the Foundation because Pat P. was absent.

Newsletter: Phyllis has indicated that the Newsletter will be coming out next week. She's requested that everything for the Newsletter be in by tomorrow.

¹ Dorothy Finnegan has been a lifetime member since 2012 and was somehow missing from the 2016 membership list, an error which has been corrected.

Librarian: Diane first of all thanked all who attended the Town Hall Meeting and those who helped with the Halloween program. | She then reminded us that the library will be closed for Veterans' Day (Nov. 11) and Thanksgiving (Nov. 24 and 25). | On November 4 at the Carnegie Art Center Michelle and Chelsea will read stories, for which the Modesto Symphony Youth Orchestra will provide musical accompaniment. | On November 14 the Modesto Money Mavens will be offering tips and how to save — just in time for holiday shopping sprees. | All day on the 15th, in honor of National Bundt Cake Day, the Turlock Library will distribute copies of the Bundt cake recipes that patrons submitted during the month. Thanks for FOTPL, a cake-themed gift basket will be given away to some lucky person. | The Mystery Lover's Book Club is meeting on the third Friday of the month at 10:30 AM. | International Games Day will take place all day long on the 19 with lots of traditional board games. | Children's staff will be offered development training through a five-year IMPACT grant given to the Child Development Training Consortium. The group will also be working with Stanislaus County Libraries to offer parent workshops (cf. following item). | On December 5 Olga Cárdenas, the children's outreach librarian, will be offering an early literacy class for parents. | The Turlock library has a new library assistant, Bernadette Karami Kandy. Yvonne Reagers has been hired full-time as manager of the Keyes branch. ¡AVISO! ATTENTION! Bernadette speaks five languages ... so try yours out and see if she responds. | For the record there were 237 seeds in the Halloween pumpkin. Two people, including an 11-year-old child, guessed 236. The winners got a gift certificate from Village Fresh. (The number is usually considerably higher for a regular-sized pumpkin.)

Old Business

Book Sale: Hanna reminded us that the book sale will be open to the general public on January 27 and 28; the evening of the 26th is for members and renewing members only. The books will be transported on Tuesday (the 24th); sorting will take place on the 25th. We need someone to be in charge of the sorting, and we hope Sandy Mann will again help us out. Carmen reports that it looks as if we have much more than last year. We're not yet sure whether Tim Brown from Lightly Used Books will again take what we don't sell; if not, we must find someone else. Hanna sent around a list for volunteers.

New Business: Question regarding the "library tax": should it be for 10 years — or even longer?

Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 7, 2016, at 6:30 PM.

Adjournment: At approximately 7:17 PM Pat R. moved and Dieter seconded her motion that the meeting be adjourned. No one protested.

Respectfully submitted,

Michael Fuller, recording secretary,