

FRIENDS OF THE MODESTO LIBRARY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING 4 MARCH 2020

After a short social time with refreshments the meeting was called to order at 5:50 p.m. by President Denise Nordell.

Officers and Directors present were Anne Britton, Christine Brereton, Cande Brody, Ellen Dambrosio, Marilyn Drew, Pat Glattke, Jean Haven, Denise Nordell, Pam Pallios, Cathie Peck, Carmen Pedrioli, and Beverly Schlegel. Members and guests present were County Librarian Sarah Dentan, Modesto Library Manager Chris Moreno as well as Wendy Allen, Lindsay Davis, Donna Flanders, Janelle Gray, Alene Griffin, Kathy Hall-Boyer, Judy Herrero, Jane Manley, Diane Heaston Merenda, Barbara Quinn, Julie Saugstad, Judith Sheppard and speaker for the evening, Dr. ChrisAnna Mink.

President's Report: Denise Nordell

Slides highlighting the past year's activities accompanied the presentation.

- Fundraisers included the very successful Used Book Sale in May that added over \$4300 to FOML coffers; a September Kids Book Sale that raised \$600 recycling an equal or greater number of books home to the community's children; Barnes & Noble Book Fair that netted close to \$1000 for FOML; and Scholastic Book Fair and BOGO sales that generated \$1000 cash plus an estimated \$5500 in Scholastic Dollars credit or books for library and community literacy projects.
- Special events sponsored by FOML included the annual celebration of children and book, Día De Los Niños/Libros in April; for children and teens completing summer reading targets an invitation only showing of Spider-Man: Into the Multiverse at the State Theatre thanks to a generous donation from Alfred Matthews; and a birthday party and a panel discussion revolving around the Story Into Song literacy project featuring All Things Jane [Austen].
- A myriad of volunteers helped at these events and fundraisers as well as staffing the Children's Room Summer Reading Desk handing out reading logs, prizes and congratulations to teens and younger children. Extra kudos were delivered to Pat Glattke and Jean and Ed Haven for their management of the Used Book Sales.

Librarians' Reports:

- Sarah Dentan, County Librarian, thanked the Friends for their support and expressed her
 appreciation for the strong advocacy for the library she has encountered in the community since
 assuming leadership in the fall.
- Chris Moreno, Modesto library manager, expects the fish tank reconstruction project funded by FOML will be starting in the coming weeks.

Minutes of the 4 December 2019 meeting, previously distributed to board members, were approved on a voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Pat Glattke for Jonaca Driscoll

December 2019 through February 2020 Summary

Expenditures \$ 7,680.15 Income \$ 6,611.04 Current Assets \$26,467.00

ACTION TAKEN: Quarterly distribution of \$1000 to the library for both Adult and Children's programming was approved on a motion by Anne and seconded by Cande.

Election of Officers

Ellen Dambrosio presented the slate of nominees proposed by the nomination committee which met in December. There were no nominations from the floor.

Co-Presidents Denise Nordell and Pat Glattke

Vice President [vacant]

Treasurer Jonaca Driscoll Secretary Anne Britton

ACTION TAKEN: Motion to approve by acclamation the nominees as presented was made by Anne Britton and seconded by Pam Pallios. Passed unanimously.

Guest Speaker: ChrisAnna Mink, M.D.

In her talk, "Reading Helps Children Cope with Stress," Modesto Bee Child Health reporter and pediatrician Dr. ChrisAnna Mink discussed recent research about dealing with adverse childhood experiences including the role of reading.

Upcoming Events

The next few months include a number of events and volunteer opportunities:

April 8-13 National Library Week May 4 Used Book Sale

April 20 Lib. Foundation Shining Star Awards May 9 – 13 Scholastic Discount Book Sale April 27 Diá de los Niños/Libros June 1 Author Visit: Linda Joy Singleton

Door Prizes of two books and a bag were distributed before adjournment at 4:21 p.m.

Submitted 3 June 2020 by Anne Britton, Secretary