

Friends of the Turlock Public Library  
Meeting Minutes  
Oct. 4, 2023

**Call to Order:** Mary called the meeting to order at 5:34 pm for presentation from Morgan Stanley 6:13 pm for actual meeting

**Board Members Present:** Brooks Judd, Pat Portwood, absent (excused) Terri Shaver, Mary Ward, Sheila Younkin, Tracee Farlinger, Beth Bollinger Jane Cluff , Julie Bradford, Mike Seifert, Debi Morgan, Cecilia Garcia, absent (excused).

**Friends Present:** Penny Calkins, Valerie Stoneman

Morgan Stanley Account Review:

Kelly McMurry presented a brief rundown and included a more extensive written report for members

2020 was the last year that both Stocks and Bonds were down over 10% (Covid)

2021 things are looking better although we will stay with 30% in cash; still earning 5%

Portfolio will remain very cautious.

We will see changes in our charts due to the current unsettling events in Washington DC; our charts are about 3 weeks behind

Mary asked where would be a good place to invest more funds in near future for long term projects – 10-20 years or so Will be meeting in near future to discuss options

**Minutes:** Mary motioned to approve Sept. minutes. Motion carried as corrected

**Treasurer:** Mike reported the following for Sept:

- a. Account Payable Report
- b. Still has checks outstanding...14,454.56

Income: 24,025.62  
 Expenses: 7,500.00  
 Ck. acct.: 19,227.60  
 Building fund Money Market acct.:363,168.85  
 Morgan Stanley /Savings acct.:297,026.29  
 Banking & Investment Grand Total: 679,422.74  
 Pledges Received: 349,300.00

Library Presents! Budget	75,000.00
Balance available	47,110.44
Shabazian Trust Budget	127,000.00
Balance available	120,500.00

**Librarian:** Karina Mendoza

5-7 weeks to get a passport due to slowdowns in processes at the County level

Stanisalus County is planning a passport event next March 2024:  
 Passport Fair! The event will be walk-ins only. Library will be run totally by

volunteers.

Mary volunteered FOTPL to help as needed.

Celebrating Teen-tober in October. Launching an Anime Club which will be a monthly event. Huge interest in Manga and Pokemon as well.

New 3-D printer for the Littles! Use an i-pad and print design within 10 minutes

Master Gardener events have become very popular.

Karina very excited about the Spoken Word Poetry event on Oct. 28

Karina is asking for money for next year: \$5,000.00 Supplies for maker spaces and programs. FOTPL normally donates this amount.

Julie motioned to approve Motion carried

## **Old Business**

### **a. Library Presents! Committee–Mary**

Author fee is \$10,200.00, travel cost is around \$3,00.00

Volunteers please arrive at the Carnegie by 1:00

Purchased 3 different titles from Barnes and Noble with the understanding that unsold books will be returned; the same agreement as last author event.

80 tickets sold so far      On-line sales will continue until October 31

**b. Farmer's Market —Brooks**

This Saturday will be the 6th and final time for this year.

Article in the Turlock Journal about Market expanding until December. We will not participate as Market will cut down to one block and trim 3 hours. We will continue at 6 months for this year. We will see how the Market expansion goes and revisit issue later.

Brooks very thankful for all the help from a lot of people, especially Nick, the Market Manager

**c. Membership—Terri**

70 Individual & Family Members, 77 Lifetime Members: 147 total

16 memberships not yet renewed for 23-24, 2 new memberships

Terri will be traveling next month, Membership will be on hold until she returns.      Terri had 250 new bookmarks made.

#### **d. Bookstore—Penny**

Began selling puzzles this week, Brooks has already sold two

We are open Wednesdays 4-6 Valerie will be manning the store Terri will design new gift certificates; they will be valid for 90 days after issuance

New and renewing members will pick out a new book from store, excluding adult Hard Back fiction (very short supply)

We will use colored card stock for new certificates

Terri goes on FB Marketplace and finds book donations!

### **New Business**

#### **a. Membership Incentives—Sheila**

In general planning now...

Planning a celebration to honor and appreciate our members. Large event, All friends are invited as well as former Board Members.  
Encourage Friends to Bring a Friend

Saturday morning event with bagels, coffee and such

April 13, 2024 9:30-10:00 'ish

Decorate and make it nice! Prizes and other things.

Budget: \$750.00 not quite firm on this yet.

Will need to confirm with Karina and the County to get permission.

Mike motioned to accept the budget Julie seconded Motion passed

**b. Newsletter – Mary**

Please submit any news/info to Mary by the 15th for November  
Newsletter

CeCe will be handling social media planning to boost Library profile  
Will use Canva to create

Mary and Cece working closely together.

After the New Year, will be ramping up more communications

**c. Morgan Stanley gift/donation—Mike**

GIFT from Morgan Stanley (Global Impact Funding Trust)

We will receive a grant for \$20,00.00 This is tax free to FOTPL and no  
stipulation on how monies will be used

Considering on where to deposit money, Mike would like to move to an  
account that earns at least 5% He wants to move the by the end of  
October

Budget Committee will assemble to decide more details, and will present to the Board at November meeting.

Terri motioned to move \$20,000 to Morgan Stanley account, Sheila seconded. Motion passes

#### **d.WiFi HotSpot– Mike**

Mike would like to purchase a HotSpot; in discussion with Michelle she asked if FOTPL could purchase and keep it for exclusive use at the Turlock Branch

Hardware is roughly \$100-300 will need to consult about ongoing connection fee.

Carnegie does have WiFi that we can use for the Lisa Wingate event

#### **e.December Meeting–Mary**

Mary will be absent for this meeting. We will need to decide at November meeting We need an interim VP to run the meeting and possibly any other (though unlikely) times.

Mary adjourned the meeting at 7:30pm

**Next Board meeting November 1, 2023 @ 6:30pm in the  
Community Room**