

Minutes
SAN BERNARDINO PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees
February 10, 2005

The regular meeting of the Board of Trustees of the San Bernardino Public Library was held in the Board Room of the Norman F. Feldheym Central Library, 555 West Sixth Street, San Bernardino.

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting of the Board of Trustees was called to order by President Dr. Garcia at 2:15 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Members present	Dr. Dorothy Garcia
	Carolyn Tillman
	Marion Vassilakos
Members absent:	Dr. Robin Calote
	Gary Saenz
Library Director:	Ophelia Georgiev Roop

PUBLIC COMMENTS: James Penman, City Attorney, arrived at 2:25 p.m.

MINUTES: The minutes were approved as corrected. (Vassilakos - Tillman, unanimous).

CONSENT ITEMS:

The consent items were approved after the mid-year budget report and the investments of the monthly financial statements were pulled out for discussion. (Vassilakos – Tillman, unanimous).

At this point Mr. Penman arrived to discuss with the Board the legalities of putting a library tax measure on the November 2005 election ballot.

He clarified several issues:

- ◆ Bequest funds cannot be used for a campaign, but it may be possible to use them for conducting a pole; the City Attorney's office will check on that.
- ◆ The City Attorney's office conducts voter analysis which the Save Our Libraries advocacy committee may utilize.
- ◆ The City Attorney's office will review the tax measure prepared for 2003 and hopefully will have it ready to go to the Council in May.
- ◆ The Board members could, as individuals, organize a Save Our Libraries advocacy group which then may hire a consultant to conduct a fundraising campaign.
- ◆ The consultant's fee could be a percentage of the funds raised by the campaign.

After Mr. Penman departed, the Board returned to the financial statements pulled out from the consent items. The mid-year statement was saved for discussion under the agenda item "Library Budget."

After the discussion, the financial statements were accepted as presented. (Tillman – Vassilakos, unanimous).

OLD BUSINESS:

The discussion about the library budget is ongoing.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board reviewed and accepted as presented the forms establishing policy about publishing pictorial and other materials from the California room. (Tillman – Vassilakos, unanimous).

The Board approved the Library Director's attendance of the Public Library Association Symposium in Chicago, March 4-8, 2005. (Vassilakos – Tillman, unanimous).

The Board's next meeting will be on Thursday, March 3, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. (Tillman – Vassilakos, unanimous).

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

President Dr. Garcia suggested that as many as possible attend the CALTAC workshop on Saturday, March 19th because it will focus on public library funding strategies. Dr. Garcia, Carolyn Tillman, Marion Vassilakos and Library Director Ophelia Georgiev Roop will attend.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- ◆ MAPEI gift of \$2,500 for children's books
- ◆ \$12,000 grant for books from Catholic Health Care West/ St Bernardine's and Community hospitals; grant prepared and submitted by Mike Clark.
- ◆ Library Director – presentation to the Clergy Association, February 3, 2005.
- ◆ Mike Clark – presentation to Breakfast Rotary, February 10, 2005
- ◆ Graphic Novel Discussions sponsored by the California Center for the Book – SBPL and Santa Monica PL are the first to do this pilot program.
- ◆ February 10th staff meeting – guest speaker - Steve Henthorn, President and CEO of the San Bernardino Convention and Visitors' Bureau
- ◆ More than 80 people attended the reception for the unveiling of the digitized version of the Historic Treasures of San Bernardino.
- ◆ Library Director's report on the City's Goal Setting Workshop
- ◆ News from City Hall
- ◆ Mayor's State of the City Address breakfast
- ◆ Renewal of Board membership in CALTAC
- ◆ Meeting with library consultant Miguel Alaniz on February 17th

SAN BERNARDINO CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION:

Library Director Ophelia Georgiev Roop reported:

The Foundation Board met on February 8th. Only seven members were present. Cynthia Ludvigsen is still trying to plan a Foundation sponsored event around recipes and food from books. The Foundation is once again in need of a secretary. Ophelia Georgiev Roop has sent an e-mail to all SBPL staff asking if anyone would like to apply for this part-time position. Mike Clark and Ophelia Georgiev Roop have submitted to Sunny Rabenstock the requested articles for the BookMark. The financial report shows the value of the endowment fund at \$431,173.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Library Board will be Thursday, March 3, 2005

Respectfully submitted by
Ophelia Georgiev Roop,
Library Director on behalf of

Dr. Robin Calote
Secretary