

Minutes
SAN BERNARDINO PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees
March 3, 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. Feldheim 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 2:10 p.m.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Weitzman & Gregory Sweetwood, Toastmaster 2593

MOVED FORWARD:

NEW BUSINESS:

Toastmaster 2593 – request to waive fee: Mr. Weitzman and Sweetwood petitioned the Board to waive the fee to Toastmaster 2593 for the use of the meeting rooms at Feldheim Library and to allow the same group to use either of the Kellogg Rooms free of charge and without a reservation if either happened to be vacant. They were particularly interested in using a Kellogg meeting room on March 19th. Mr. Weitzman and Sweetwood believe that since their club works for the betterment of the community, the library should provide the meeting place free of charge.

After considerable deliberation the Board moved to recommend to Toastmaster 2593 that they consider using the Villaseñor Branch community room for their March 19th meeting because there is no fee for it. The Library Board voted reluctantly to institute fees for the use of the meeting rooms after the loss of the book budget and the request from City Hall for the library to generate additional revenue. The policy does not have a provision to treat organizations differently or to waive the fee. In view of this and the fact that most of the organizations which use the meeting rooms work for the betterment of the community, the Board moved not to waive the fee for Toastmaster 2593.

(Tillman – Vassilakos, unanimous)

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 10, 2005 Board meeting were approved as presented.

(Vassilakos – Tillman, unanimous)

CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. Monthly/Financial Statements: The Board reviewed the financial statements for the previous month.
- b. Communications/Correspondences:
- c. Personnel:
 1. Approve separation for John Cervantes, Library Page, Circulation Division, effective 2/17/05
 2. Confirm appointment of Jennifer Johnston, Librarian II, part time provisional, effective March 7, 2005

3. Confirm appointment of Tracey Lopez, Library Page, part time, Circulation Division, effective March 7, 2005
 4. Approve salary adjustment for Veronica Lopez, Intern, Literacy Center, effective 2/15/05
 5. Approve salary adjustment for Yadira Lopez, Intern, Literacy Center, effective 2/15/05
- approved as presented. (Vassilakos – Saenz, unanimous)

OLD BUSINESS:

Library budget: The board discussed possible strategies to approach the Mayor and City council to have the library's book budget restored.

NEW BUSINESS:

Permission to serve wine at the April Literary Salon gathering – permission was granted.
(Saenz – Vassilakos, unanimous)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Dr. Garcia finalized the details about attendance of the upcoming CALTAC workshop by herself, Carolyn Tillman, Marion Vassilakos and library director, Ophelia Georgiev Roop. She also reported on the meeting with library consultant Miguel Alaniz. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a library tax campaign. The meeting was attended by Board members Dr. Garcia and Marion Vassilakos and the Library Management Team.

The need for a campaign treasurer was also discussed. It was suggested that Mr. Monninger (currently serving on the Foundation Board) be approached for that.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

- Symphony tribute to Dr. Garcia noted.
- S. Rucker bequest.
- Graphic Novel program for teens.
- Teen Zone desk and Teen Services

SAN BERNARDINO CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION:

The Foundation is floundering; the meetings of the last several months have not had a quorum present and no fundraising events have been planned. Currently the Foundation is engaged in search for a secretary.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Library Board will be Thursday, April 14, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Robin Calote
Secretary