

Minutes
SAN BERNARDINO PUBLIC LIBRARY
Board of Trustees
May 13, 2004

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 at by Jack Hill, Vice-President at 12:00 noon.

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

MINUTES: The minutes of the February 12, 2004 Board meeting were approved as presented. (Saenz, - Calote, unanimous)

The minutes of the April 8, 2004 Board meeting were approved as presented. (Garcia - Vassilakos, unanimous)

CONSENT ITEMS:

- a. Monthly/Financial Statements: The Board reviewed the financial statements for the previous month.
- b. Communications/Correspondences:
- c. Personnel:
Approved as presented (Calote – Saenz, unanimous)

OLD BUSINESS:

Library Budget: The Board will ask the Mayor to investigate the IS charges to the library budget as the library has one IS machine used only several hours annually and does not receive any other IS support which does not correspond to the IS charges to the library.

Election of officers: The new Board officers are:

President: Dr. Dorothy Garcia
Vice President: Gary Saenz
Secretary: Dr. Robin Calote

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board ratified unanimously the e-mail approval for the serving of wine at the Foundation Annual meeting (Gary – Robin, unanimous)

Discussion of Library Board meeting time: Starting in June 2004, the Board will meet at 2:00 p.m. on the second Thursday at each month. (Robin – Gary, unanimous)

PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Acting President Mr. Hill spoke about his 23 years of service on the Library Board of Trustees, approximately 15 of them spent as the Board's president. For Mr. Hill these years represent "one of the greater and most rewarding experiences" in his life. He reflected back on the extraordinary work invested in the planning and building of the current Feldheim Central Library, on the hiring of the current Library Director and the remarkable people whom he had come to know as members of the Library Board of Trustees.

As this was Mr. Hill's last Board meeting, the rest of the Board members expressed their regret at his retirement from the Board, acknowledged all his numerous contributions to the well-being of the library and therefore of the community and thanked him for his dedication and time. Clearly, Mr. Hill's influence on and personal contributions to the development of the library are extraordinary. He will be missed tremendously by the Library Board, the library management team and the entire staff.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT:

Firewall report

Possible dates for meeting with the Mayor

Sarah Rucker's estate

City citizen's survey

23% increase in reference for March

25% increase in revenue due to the fee for the library meeting rooms

Small drop in circulation due to lack of a large quantity of new books

Library programs: cartoonist, puppet shows, Susan Goldman Rubin

SAN BERNARDINO CITY LIBRARY FOUNDATION:

The Foundation did not have an April meeting due to lack of quorum. Library Director Ophelia Georgiev Roop reported on its annual meeting and the possible program about literary recipes being planned by Judge Cynthia Ludvigsen and several other Foundation Board members.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

NEXT MEETING: The next meeting of the Library Board will be Thursday, June 10, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

Dr. Dorothy Garcia
Secretary