

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING
OF THE
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

September 28, 2006

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by President Kawase at the Hunt Branch Library.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Mr. Kawase, Mrs. Britt, Mr. Georgieff, and Dr. Johnson

Absent: Mr. Buck

Staff: Al Milo Library Director
Andrea Taylor, Senior Librarian (Hunt Branch)
Betty Schwarzkopf, Administrative Secretary

Guest: Nancy Lee, President, Friends of the Library

2. CONSENT CALENDAR:

- a. Approval of Minutes of August 24, 2006
- b. Warrant Register of September 2006 in the amount of \$41,055.38
- c. Expenditure Summary of September 2006
- d. Activity Report of August 2006
- e. Acceptance of Donations in the amount of \$1,053.76

Mr. Georgieff moved and Mrs. Britt seconded that the consent calendar be approved. The motion was approved.

3. **REPORTS:**

a. **Library Director**

Director Milo reported that Kenneth Bicknell the new Technical Services Division Manager will be on board October 30. Mr. Milo apologized that the Mission Statement shown on the meeting agenda does not contain bullets. With bullets it does not fit in the text box. Mr. Milo updated the Board on the Library website and said the Board is now listed separately and is no longer listed with the support groups. At the October 3 City Council meeting, the LAFCO agreement between the cities of Buena Park and Fullerton will be approved. Fullerton will begin receiving property tax funds from Buena Park in July 2007. Mr. Georgieff inquired if the interested parties in the space planning study will be invited to meet with the architect. Mr. Milo responded there will be a special meeting that will focus on the needs of the Library separate from the joint meetings. He also said that the October ethics meeting is a mandatory law and will be presented by the City Attorney's office.

b. **Friends of the Library**

Friends President, Nancy Lee, reported that the Friends netted \$13,000 at the September used book sale. She said next year they will hold the fall book sale in October rather than September to avoid a conflict with the start of the school year. She said the drawing for tickets for the Huell Howser program will be held the first week of October.

c. **Library Foundation**

Dr. Johnson reported that the Foundation Board approved \$9,000 for the purchase of an LCD projector, a reciprocal interlibrary loan server, and an email notification system for the Library. He said to use five different libraries in North Orange County, you presently need five cards. There is a study being done where one card could be issued and used at several different libraries. He also said Marilyn Carlson is requesting an article for the *Foundation Footsteps* regarding the meeting with the space planning study architect.

d. **City Council Meeting of September 19, 2006**

Director Milo said that Board members, Ray Kawase and Glenn Georgieff, would present the City Council members with copies of the "One Book/One Community" book, *The Kite Runner*, at the September 19 meeting.

4. OLD BUSINESS:

a. Main Library Conceptual Space Design Study

Director Milo distributed copies of “A Summary of Special Meeting” held on September 26, 2006. Mr. Kawase said as members of the Board of Trustees, the Board is the moving force behind the whole project. The Board needs to work on the Bastanchury property as well as the Hunt Branch. Mr. Kawase and Dr. Johnson will meet with the City Manager to discuss developing the Bastanchury site on a long-term basis. Mr. Kawase said selling the site is not the best solution. Mrs. Britt expressed concern that it is the Board’s obligation to see a library built on the property because of the promises made to the major donors when the site was acquired by the Foundation. There was consensus that: a) There needs to be a plan for the property that will bring in income, and, b) The Norton Simon Foundation should be contacted to see if the Hunt Branch could be relocated to another area within the city.

b. One Book, One Community

Director Milo reported that 65 people attended the September 24 book discussion program, which included a phone interview with Dr. Hosseini. Nine attended the Korean discussion group. Mr. Georgieff moved and Dr. Johnson seconded that the One Book/One Community program be continued in 2007 and that it be on the October agenda for discussion. The motion was approved. They also requested that Division Manager, Joanne Hardy, attend the October meeting.

5. NEW BUSINESS:

a. Library Director Selection Committee

There was consensus that Dr. Johnson and Mr. Kawase will represent the Library Board of Trustees on the Library Director Selection Committee.

b. Hunt Branch Presentation

Senior Librarian, Andrea Taylor, welcomed the Board members to the Hunt Branch. She introduced the branch staff through a Power Point presentation and said the branch is 44 years old. Norton Simon donated the building to the City in 1962. Because there is no security system in place, patrons can simply walk out of the branch with a book undetected. As a result a large number of books are unaccounted for. She added there are landscaping problems that are not being met by City crews and

she herself has been cleaning up the area and planting flowers, and janitorial services is another problem. The homeless problem has improved but for the most part is ongoing. Mr. Georgieff said the Boy Scouts, Fullerton troop, could help out with a landscape cleanup day. He suggested that the Foundation take on the branch as a project.

Ms. Lee said the Friends of the Library can help with the purchase of books for the branch. If Director Milo could submit a list of what is needed, she would bring it up for discussion at a Friends' Board meeting.

The Board members thanked Ms. Taylor for her informative presentation.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:

Board Secretary, Mrs. Britt, will send a card of congratulations to Children's Services Division Manager, Jeanette Contreras, on the birth of her new baby son.

7. BOARD MEMBER ROUND TABLE:

Mrs. Britt said she appreciates being allowed to attend Board meetings dressed for her yoga class that follows the meetings.

Mr. Georgieff said he is happy about the participation in the One Book/One Community program. He said he also agrees that it is important that the Board support the branch. (Mr. Georgieff left the meeting briefly from 3:27 – 3:48 p.m.)

Nancy Lee urged the Board members appointed to the Library Director Selection Committee to make sure the candidate they support has experience working with support groups, such as the Friends of the Library.

Dr. Johnson thanked Director Milo for arranging to hold the meeting at the Hunt Branch. He said he has been working as an adjunct Professor at UCLA.

8. PUBLIC COMMENTS:

There were no comments.

9. ADJOURNMENT:

Mrs. Britt moved and Mrs. Georgieff seconded that the meeting adjourn at 4:55 p.m. The motion carried.