

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

*January 25, 2007*

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by President Kawase at 2:30 p.m. in the Main Library Board Room. Mr. Kawase introduced new board member, Dr. Martin Hebeling.

***ROLL CALL:***

Present: Mr. Kawase, Mr. Buck, Mr. Georgieff, Dr. Johnson and Dr. Hebeling

Absent: none

Staff: Joanne Hardy, acting Director  
Marjorie Kerr, acting Administrative Secretary  
Tim Mountain, Senior Librarian  
Sandra Lamoureux, acting Senior Librarian  
Andrea Taylor, Senior Librarian  
Cathy Thomas, Adult Serv. Librarian

Guest: Jean Wilson, Friends of the Library  
Anita Tyra-Hebeling, Ginger Britt, Charles Greening,  
Kathy Dasney and Christine Pilapil (Redevelopment)

**2. CONSENT CALENDAR:**

- a. Approval of Minutes of December 21, 2006
- b. January 2007 Warrant Register in the amount of \$31,157.69
- c. January 2007 Expenditure Summary
- d. December 2006 Activity Report
- e. Acceptance of Donations

Dr. Johnson moved and Mr. Georgieff seconded that the consent calendar be approved. The motion carried.

**3. REPORTS:**

**a. Library Director**

Mrs. Hardy, acting director, reported that a representative from Parks and Recreation will give a presentation and ask for endorsement by the Board of Trustees for the dog park at Hunt Branch Library.

(Joel Rosen and Don Hoppe enter at 2:35 pm)

Mrs. Hardy thanked Mrs. Lamoureux for reorganizing space in the basement of the library. The negotiation with the FMEA is at an impasse. Mrs. Hardy displayed the book "Paths to Peace", three copies of which will be presented to the Library in memory of Alex Buck, son of Trustee Vince Buck. The California State Library PLF funding is anticipated. Receipt of TBR's is low but will resume as books are loaned to other communities.

Mr. Georgieff reported attending the January 19 City Council meeting at which disbanding the Applicant Review Board was under consideration.

**b. Friends of the Library**

Jean Wilson reported the Friends are preparing for the January Book Sale (January 26 – 28). The Friends are grateful for help from the Mr. Georgieff's troupe of Boy Scouts. Mr. Kawase expressed appreciation to the Friends for raising nearly \$40,000 each year through their 3 sales.

**c. Library Foundation**

Dr. Johnson reported the Foundation received around \$15,000 in response to their newsletter. Dr. Johnson will confer with Dr. Hebeling, new Trustee member, who will represent the Board of Trustees at the Foundation meetings.

***BREAK FROM AGENDA***

**4. OLD BUSINESS:**

**a. Main Library Conceptual Space Design Study**

Rick D'Amato of LPA presented 5 printed visuals of the proposed Civic Center site including expansion of existing library and a parking structure to serve the Civic Center. The presentation showed expansion toward City Hall and toward Commonwealth, replacing stone walls with glass to open the space and allow more light. Some reorganization of public areas is expected. An additional large meeting room is proposed. Mr. D'Amato offered to send an electronic version of the printed plans. Estimated time

line: February to Parks and Recreation; March to Council; schematic design in 6 to 8 months; construction begins in 2008; 2 ½ years to complete.

## **RESUME AGENDA**

### **e. Ad Hoc Committee on Administrative Procedures Manual—Ginger Britt**

The Ad Hoc Committee members are: Pearl Man, Carolyn T. Johnson, Charles Greening and Ginger Britt, chairman. Mrs. Britt reported using New York State Trustees Handbook as a model. Mrs. Britt distributed a handout outlining the Fullerton Public Library Trustee Handbook findings and proposals. The committee will continue their work as the Board reviews work so far. Mr. Geogrieff suggested there should be an e-mail contact on the library website for the Board of Trustees. The Ad Hoc Committee meets every 2 weeks and will report at the next Board meeting.

## **CONTINUE OLD BUSINESS**

### **b. Dog Park at Hunt Branch Park**

Dave Alkema and Chris Gerry from Parks and Recreation presented a projected visual and handout showing the placement of the proposed dog park next to the Hunt Branch grounds. There would be a chain link fence around space for big dogs and another for little dogs. Ms. Taylor, Senior Librarian at Hunt Branch, contacted the Norton Simon Foundation which found no conflict with use of that particular space. The “probationary” period will be a 6 to 12 months starting Spring 2007. Parks and Recreation will set rules, make signage, develop a “User Support Group” and plan a Grand Opening. The park would be open until 8 p.m. with a per person dog limit to be determined. Parks and Recreation staff will provide 3 and 6 month updates to the Board of Trustees.

Dr. Johnson moved and Dr. Hebeling seconded that the Board of Trustees agree with the Parks and Recreation recommendation for the dog park plan. The motion carried.

Mrs. Dasney suggested that if the dog park fails, the grounds be restored to a pristine condition in compliance with the deed.

Dr. Johnson moved and Mr. Georgieff seconded to amend the motion to include “maintenance of the park and restoration to pristine condition if the dog park fails.” The motion carried. Mr. Buck abstained.

## **5. NEW BUSINESS:**

### **a. Hunt Branch and the Homeless—Andrea Taylor**

Ms. Taylor reported there are more homeless with the cold weather because more people are dropped off at the nearby Armory. There are two more police patrols. There is little impact to Hunt Branch service. Mr. Kawase stated that the homeless are a City problem. Mr. Georgieff suggested having a police cadet on duty as a “presence”. Mrs. Hardy stated that homeless are welcome to use the library in a civil way. Mr. Kawase expressed that the Board is supportive of the branch manager’s efforts..

### **b. Adult Services Programming for 2007—Joanne Hardy**

Mrs. Hardy reported there are 12 programs planned from February through October:

**February** -- “Love Your Library” and “Romance of Tea”; **March** – “Gardening with OC Master Gardeners”; **April** – “Architectural Heritage in Orange County”, “Baseball”, “Railroads Make Communities”; **May** – “Identify your Home’s Architectural Style”; “Physical Fitness” ; “From P.O.W. to Blue Angel; the story of Commander Dusty Rhodes”; **June** – **August** – “Summer Sleuthing at the Library” **September** – “Banned Books Week”, “Electronic Treasures” ; **October** – “Teen Read Week – LMA\*O@the Library”. The programs are offered in response to the Board’s request for more adult programming. The Friends support the summer program. The other programs are coming at minimal costs.

Mrs. Hardy reported she is concentrating on the FY 07-08, 08-09 budget due this month.

Maureen Gebelein, the new director, reports to work February 5, 2007. Board members will receive an e-mail regarding a welcome party.

Ms. Taylor received \$25000 from the Friends for books and furniture.

Mr. Georgieff inquired about One book, One community for 2008 and Mrs. Hardy suggested the title should be selected by June 2007. Discussion should be on the Board of Trustees February agenda.

Mrs. Britt is creating Library Trustee Council Schedule designating each member a date to attend the city council.

**6. REORGANIZATION OF 2007 BOARD MEMBERS**

Dr. Johnson moved and Mr. Kawase second to nominate Glenn Georgieff as President. The motion carried.

Mr. Georgieff moved and Mr. Kawase second to nominate Dr. Johnson as Secretary. The motion carried.

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

None

**8. BOARD MEMBER ROUND TABLE:**

Dr. Hebeling thanked the Board for the opportunity to serve. He and his wife both love the library and want to contribute.

Mr. Kawase expressed pleasure in serving as President of the Trustees for two years and working with a diverse group passionate about ideas.

Dr. Johnson appreciated the behind the scenes experience, i.e space study

Mr. Georgieff supports the One book One community idea.

Mrs. Hardy suggested that the new Director, Maureen Gebelein, provide library orientation for the new Trustee, Martin Hebeling.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mrs. Dasney emphasized the importance of representation from the library – trustees and managers – at City Council meetings and suggested there should be a requirement for the Director and/or managers be in attendance at Council meetings.

**10 ADJOURNMENT**

Mr. Kawase moved and Dr. Hebeling second that the meeting adjourn at 5:45 p.m. The motion carried.