

**MINUTES OF THE  
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Thursday, October 22, 2009**

**CALL TO ORDER**

The meeting was called to order by President Johnson at 2:30 p.m. at the Fullerton Public Library in the Board Room.

**ROLL CALL**

Present: Board Members Britt, Georgieff, Hebeling, and President Johnson

Absent: Board Member Buck

Staff: Rob Ferrier, Assistant to the City Manager  
Maureen Gebelein, Director  
Ruth Leopold, Recording Secretary  
Andrea Taylor, Technical Services Manager

Guest(s):

**Public Comments**

No public comments.

**Presentations**

A presentation about Facebook was presented by Technical Services Manager Taylor. She gave a brief overview to the Board about using Facebook and how it benefits the Library and its users.

**Regular Business**

***Fullerton Reads 2010***

Director Gebelein requested input from the Board to give staff direction for next year's *Fullerton Reads*. She explained that due to the Library's Expansion, staff would do films and some programming. The programming will be done at a smaller scale next year. Staff could apply for the Big Read grant. Director Gebelein suggested the book *Grapes of Wrath*. Board Member Georgieff made suggestions about how to promote *Fullerton Reads* to local schools. President Johnson supports continuing *Fullerton Reads* in order to keep the momentum going and have it be conducted at a smaller scale. Board Member Georgieff is a fan of John Steinbeck and wouldn't mind selecting this book for *Fullerton Reads*. Director Gebelein will take the Board's input to the managers and Library staff. Board Member Hebeling said the book is a hot topic and controversial. President Johnson said he is eager to support it.

Board Member Georgieff said he liked the programs at the *Fullerton Reads* Book Festival and enjoyed it.

Board Member Georgieff was excused from the meeting at 3:00 p.m.

### **End of Year 2008/09 Budget Report**

Director Gebelein reported on the Library revenue, expenditures, salaries, maintenance support, and reviewed each of the subprograms' budgets.

Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier arrived at 3:25 p.m.

### **CONSENT CALENDAR**

- Approval of Minutes of August 27 and September 24, 2009
- Warrant Register of October, 2009
- Expenditure Summary of October, 2009
- Acceptance of Donations

MOTION made by Board Member Hebeling, SECONDED by Board Member Britt and CARRIED unanimously by all voting members present to APPROVE the consent calendar as written. (Vote 3-0, with Board Members Buck and Georgieff absent).

### **Director's Report**

Director Gebelein reported on the following:

- Monthly Statistics
- *Fullerton Reads* 2009 programs and Book Festival update.

Board Member Britt said the Book Festival was wonderfully planned and people who were there really enjoyed it. She would've liked to see more people in attendance.

- November 5 Council Commissioner's Meeting – the Board is invited to attend.
- Employee Hiring Freeze Update
- Customer Service Survey Update

Board Member Britt said she enjoyed reading the article in the Director's Report about Senior Librarian Chaunacey Dunklee assisting a patron and reading about how he was able to get a job because of her assistance. Board Member Britt suggested adding it to the Library website. Director Gebelein suggested placing it on Facebook.

- Donor Recognition Policy – Director Gebelein explained how everyone was happy with the policy and it had passed approval at last month's meeting. President Johnson mentioned seeing a Recognition Box during his trip to Maui. It was a box that opened up with a list on paper showing all of the people who had donated.
- November 3 Council Meeting – Board Member Britt will attend the meeting and represent the Board.

### **Friends of the Library**

Board Member Britt announced that the Friends made \$14,000 at the Book Sale and purchased some book cases from Lorson's Books.

### **Library Foundation**

No representative was present.

### **Library Expansion and Remodel Project**

Director Gebelein presented an update on the Library Expansion and presented an update on the new timeline. A more final timeline should be available January 2010.

### **October 6 and 20 City Council Meetings**

On October 6, the Library received the Fullerton Reads proclamation and our teen volunteers were recognized for the number of hours worked.

October 20 – nothing to report.

**Assistant to the City Manager Report**

Assistant to the City Manager Ferrier reported on the sales tax and property tax revenue which is down.

**Correspondence**

There was no correspondence.

**Board Member Round Table**

Board Member Hebeling mentioned he attended the Friends Breakfast and the October “Town and Gown” program. He heard Senior Planner, Bob St. Paul speak at the Chamber Coffee regarding the General Plan status. Board Member Hebeling invited the Board to attend the Oktoberfest at the Phoenix Club and programs at the Nixon Library.

Board Member Britt commented on how she has spoken to several people who say what an extraordinary Library this is.

President Johnson invited the Board to a holiday dinner after the December 17 meeting possibly held at Rutabegorz. He said that former employees have also acknowledged how well the Library is doing and thanked Director Gebelein and staff. He provided an update on the Foundation’s grant application.

**Adjournment**

Meeting ADJOURNED at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Ruth Leopold  
Recording Secretary