

**MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
CORONADO PUBLIC LIBRARY
640 ORANGE AVENUE
CORONADO, CA 92118
December 11, 2007**

I. CALL TO ORDER

President Haines called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m. in the Winn Room of the Coronado Public Library.

ROLL CALL

Present: President Haines, Executive Secretary Cahill, Trustee Martin, and Trustee Franck.

Absent: Trustee Zoll
Mayor Smisek
Cynthia Aguirre, FOL Representative

Also Present: Elizabeth Ingram, SAB Representative
Violet Wagener, outgoing SAB Representative

Christian Esquevin, Director of Library Services
Linda Sanders, Administrative Secretary

Members of the
Public: Linda Stanton, Debra Nordlie, Margo Roberts, Susan Enowitz, and Blossom Sanger.

II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Haines.

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A. November 13, 2007 Regular Meeting

Executive Secretary Cahill moved to approve the Minutes of the Regular Meeting of November 13, 2007. Trustee Martin seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

It was discussed that Elizabeth Ingram, the former SAB Alternate Representative is now the SAB Representative because Violet Wagener has

completed her term in that position. The Alternate SAB position that Elizabeth Ingram had held has now become open.

IV. CONSENT CALENDAR

Trustee Franck moved to approve the Consent Calendar. Trustee Martin seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

V. COMMUNICATIONS

V-A Oral Communications

V-A-1 Public Oral Communications

None

V-A-2 Library Board Members Oral Communications

President Haines gave positive comments on the new sponsorship brochures.

V-A-3 Library Director Oral Communications

None

V-B WRITTEN COMMUNICATIONS

None

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI-A Could/Should List

The only item for consideration is the ottomans, which is to be considered under VI-C.

VI-B Volunteer/Staff Holiday Party

Director Esquevin explained that the Volunteer/Staff Holiday Party is planned and ready for this Friday.

VI-C Leather Ottomans for Spreckels Reading Room

Director Esquevin described the idea behind purchasing ottomans for the Spreckels Reading Room and that this agenda item was held over until this meeting to give President Haines an opportunity to vote on the issue. President Haines said she would like to provide ottomans for patron use if a leather color can be found to match the existing chairs. Trustee Franck indicated that she would be willing to try one or two ottomans in the Spreckels Reading Room as a test, but wasn't sure she wanted to commit to purchasing numerous ottomans at

this time. Trustee Cahill believes that the ottomans are an unnecessary expense. Trustee Martin does not see a legitimate need for ottomans in the Spreckels Reading Room and foresees problems with ottomans in a library setting.

Trustee Cahill moved to not purchase any ottomans for the Spreckels Reading Room. Trustee Martin seconded the motion, and the motion was approved. Executive Secretary Cahill, Trustees Martin, and Trustee Franck voted in favor of the motion. President Haines did not vote in favor of the motion. Trustee Zoll was absent.

VI-D Status of Playaway E-Books

Director Esquevin explained the various procedures that will go into processing the new playaways. He noted that the playaways will be placed in individual video/cassette cases, with added padding to make them fit properly, and that patrons will need to provide their own batteries and headsets. He expects check-out of this new material to be slow at first, but thinks the playaways are a good format for audio books. President Haines asked that this new material be listed on the website. Director Esquevin said that might be possible, but there will be press releases and signs within the Library to advertise and announce the availability of this new material.

VI-E Recruitment for Teen Services Librarian

Director Esquevin indicated that the recruitment for the new Teen Services Librarian is nearly completed, as there are two finalists for the position; one of which is an existing staff member. He indicated that the final interview will be December 20.

VII NEW BUSINESS

VII-A Proposal for Support of the “Poetry Garden” Concept

Director Esquevin introduced the idea of a “Poetry Garden” and its proponent Debra Nordlie, who has been actively involved in bringing forth this idea. Debra Nordlie distributed some folders showing ideas and inspiration for a “Poetry Garden” in Coronado and explained that the Public Art Subcommittee is supporting the project. Several members of the Public Art Subcommittee attended the Board meeting to describe their support.

Linda Stanton, President of the Public Art Subcommittee, provided a general explanation on behalf of the Public Art Subcommittee for this project, and Debra Nordlie provided most of the details, including the idea that the park area outside the Winn Room would be an appropriate location for a “Poetry Garden.” Members of the Public Art Subcommittee in attendance, Blossom Sanger, Margo Roberts, and Susan Enowitz, each spoke in favor of the “Poetry Garden.”

After some questions and answers, Debra Nordlie asked for the Library Board's support, in concept, for a Coronado "Poetry Garden."

Trustee Martin moved to provide the Library Board's support for the conceptual idea of a "Poetry Garden," as presented by Debra Nordlie, in a suitable dimension, style, and location to be decided upon by the City Council. President Haines seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

Trustee Martin encouraged Debra Nordlie and the Public Arts Subcommittee to consider presenting their idea to the City Council early on, as one of their first contacts. Linda Stanton indicated that the plan was to accumulate support for the "Poetry Garden" idea prior to making a presentation to the City Council, and indicated that they wanted the Library Board's support first, and then would proceed to the Public Services Department, the City Manager, and finally to the City Council.

VII-B WorldCat

Director Esquevin described in detail how WorldCat (an OCLC catalog of other library's catalogs) operates, its benefits to users, and how the Library could provide access to this site with links on our online catalog. Since Director Esquevin indicated that providing WorldCat would be a free service at this time, he views it as a good idea to consider. President Haines asked for the Library to try it out.

Trustee Franck moved to approve the addition of the WorldCat service for Library patrons. Trustee Cahill seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

VII-C Resolution of Appreciation to Violet Wagener, Serra SAB Representative

Trustee Franck moved to approve the Resolution of Appreciation for Violet Wagener. Trustee Martin seconded the motion, and the motion was approved.

President Haines read aloud the Resolution of Appreciation and presented it to Violet Wagener, along with the Library Board's sincere appreciation for her dedicated service and commitment to the Library, especially for her ideas, work, and support in enhancing the Library's services to teens.

VII-D Friends of the Library Representative Communication

Director Esquevin reported that Cynthia Aguirre was unable to attend the meeting, but Trustee Franck reported on the Friends' recent sale of books, gift baskets, and other items that grossed \$2,800.

VII-E SAB Communication

Elizabeth Ingram indicated that there was nothing new to report.

VII-F Agenda Items and Schedule for the Next Library Board of Trustees Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees was scheduled for Tuesday, January 8, 2008, at 3:00 p.m. in the Winn Room and the usual items were requested for the Agenda.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT

The Board meeting adjourned at 3:55 p.m.

Amy Smith Haines, President, Coronado Library Board of Trustees

James M. Cahill, Executive Secretary, Coronado Library Board of Trustees