

PASO ROBLES CITY LIBRARY
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
1000 Spring Street
Paso Robles, CA 93446

September 9, 1999

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called to order by President Jim Damewood.

Members present: Jim Damewood, Tom Hutchings, Jim Knecht, Betsy Watson.

Members absent: Pat Glancy

Also present: Barbara Partridge, Director of Library and Recreation Services; Annie Robb, Librarian; Julie Dahlen, Children's Librarian.

2. Approval of Agenda

The motion to approve the agenda passed.

3. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the August 12, 1999, meeting were approved.

4. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

5. Summer Reading Program

Julie Dahlen made a presentation to the Board regarding the program. She stated it primarily motivates children and parents to use the Library during summer months. The program was well received and supported. The program also received media attention with thanks to the Library Foundation and their "Year of the Child" and the media. The Friends of the Library were very helpful in the purchasing of materials. Julie also discussed the development of the programs and the arts and crafts activities.

Julie mentioned the Summer Reading Program was coordinated with the Paso Robles School's librarians, as well. They had their libraries open an additional four weeks during the summer. Children were able to sign up and participate in the program at either the City Library or the school libraries. Julie said this was well received by the Black Gold system, as cooperation between city/county libraries and school libraries are quite rare.

Julie said there were 601 children signed up at the Library, up from 470 in Summer 1998. The combined total, including schools, was near 1000. She said circulation was also very high for the Library at 21,834.

Responding to the efforts of Julie Dahlen and others involved, Barbara Partridge suggested the Board draft a letter to the City Council commending Library staff for the excellent work that has been done. President Jim Damewood said he would write the letter.

6. Board Terms

Annie Robb discussed the Board terms with the members. She said there was apparent confusion regarding the filling of out-going members' positions by the Board Alternates. Annie mentioned it has been somewhat clarified, to the extent that, when a position becomes open during the term, the Alternate will fill that position until it expires. If a member does not choose to apply to continue into a consecutive term, then the Alternate needs to apply to fill the position. Annie said the City Council makes the final decision.

7. Honor Outgoing Board Members

President Jim Damewood and Secretary Tom Hutchings were honored at this, their last, meeting. Both members expressed warm and whole-hearted expressions of gratitude and appreciation to fellow Board members and Library staff.

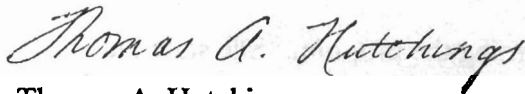
8. Other Business

There was no other business, save continued expressions of fondness for the Library by the two outgoing members.

9. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned to the next regularly scheduled meeting on October 14, 1999.

Respectfully submitted,



Thomas A. Hutchings
Secretary