



City of El Paso de Robles

"The Pass of the Oaks"

Paso Robles City Library

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES

March 10, 2016 ~ Paso Robles City Library, 1000 Spring Street, Paso Robles

President Pamela Alch

Tina Lau; Nancy Major; Dave Sequeira; Deborah Sharp

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

President Alch called the meeting to order at 9:00 a.m.

ROLL CALL

Don Rader, Administrative Assistant, took roll as follows:

Members present: Alch, Sequeira, Major, Lau

Absent: Sharp

City Staff: Julie Dahlen, Director of Library & Recreation Services

Karen Christiansen, Library Manager, Adult Services Librarian

City Council rep: Councilman Steve Gregory

PUBLIC COMMENTS -None

CONSENT AGENDA

1. -A motion was made by Trustee Sequeira, seconded by Trustee Lau, to approve the Minutes of the February 11, 2016 meeting. Motion passed. Voice vote: 4 ayes, no dissent.

DISCUSSION ITEMS

2. Advocacy Activities/Opportunities

-Trustee Lau attended the March 1, 2016 City Council meeting and talked about the Cuesta Book of the Year activities in the library. President Alch plans on attending the March 15, 2016 City Council meeting and Trustee Sequeira the April 5th City Council meeting.

-President Alch attended the January Friends of the Library meeting. She has also arranged with the Main Street organization to have a library information table at the upcoming Olive, Lavender, and Honey Festivals.

3. Discussion of Mayor Steve Martin's Memorandum of January 28, 2016

-Julie Dahlen updated President Alch about the recent Library Board members' meetings with Mayor Martin. Some of the topics discussed were Trustees concerns with short-staffing; library deferred maintenance and service to the Hispanic community.

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4. **Trustee Tip-Intellectual Freedom and Book Challenges in the Library**
-Julie Dahlen discussed the Trustee's role concerning intellectual freedom and book challenges in the Library. Book challenges are handled based on the material selection policy written and revised by the Library Board.
5. **Begin Review of the Library Board By-laws**
-The Board began review of the by-laws. To be continued to the May 2016 meeting.
6. **Review April 2016 Art**
- The April Library art display will feature works submitted for the *Brushmarks* juried art competition by area teens.

COMMUNICATIONS/REPORTS

-**Councilman Steve Gregory** talked about grant funding received for crosswalk lights; Nacimiento water entitlements; the airport; upcoming road construction; and the building of solar sites around the City, including the Library parking lot.

-**Julie Dahlen** announced the appointment of the new City Librarian, Angelica Fortin. Angelica will start on Monday, April 18, 2016. Julie also discussed the homeless crisis and the removal of illegal campsites along the Salinas River.

-**Karen Christiansen** told the Board that Melissa Bailey has been promoted to Staff III and now oversees day-to-day operations at the Library Study Center. Karen also discussed Library programs including the well-attended Dr. Seuss' birthday parties held in the Library and Study Center and the upcoming spring break activities.

TRUSTEE TOPICS

-Members were encouraged to attend an upcoming Library Board workshop scheduled in Fresno and other California cities.

-The Board will be formally introduced to the new City Librarian, Angelica Fortin, at the Board's May 2016 meeting.

-Friends of the Library President, Beth Rafael, noted the moving of book sales into the former quiet study room inside of the library.

ADJOURNMENT: at 10:21 a.m. to the following:

- Friends of the Library meeting March 10, 2016, 1:00 p.m. in the Story Hour Room.
- *Brushmarks* reception on Friday, April 8, 2016 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the Library Conference Room.
- Regularly-scheduled meeting of the Library Board of Trustees on Thursday, April 14, 2016, 9:00 a.m. in the Library Conference Room, 1000 Spring St.

These minutes were approved by the Library Board of Trustees at their April 14, 2016 meeting.

Respectfully submitted by Don Rader, Administrative Assistant

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