

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of December 7, 2006 To Be Approved

A REGULAR meeting of the Library Board was called to order by Chairperson, Edward Edwards, at 7:00 p.m., Thursday, December 7, 2006 at the Administrative Conference Room, Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica.

Call to Order

PRESENT: Boardmember Breisch, Chairperson
Edwards, Boardmember Field, Boardmember
Oppenheim and Boardmember Stern

Roll Call

ALSO PRESENT: Jon Arenberg, Chair Friends of the Santa
Monica Public Library; Greg Mullen, City
Librarian; Rachel Foyt, Administrative Analyst

The Board discussed a letter from a member of the community, Peter Brinckman and response by City Librarian, Greg Mullen.

**Communications from
the Public**

Also discussed was a letter from Human Services asking for input on Santa Monica's Homeless Continuum of Care.

Irene Stern reported to the Board that when she was in the restroom at the Library she saw a woman washing her hair. Ms. Stern wanted to know what could be done. Mr. Mullen responded that showering or washing up in the Library restrooms is not permitted. In the future Ms. Stern should report any incident to a staff member.

Boardmember Oppenheim made a motion to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of October 5 and November 2, 2006. Vice Chair Stern seconded the motion. The minutes were approved in a unanimous voice vote.

**Approval of the
Library Board Minutes**

Jon Arenberg, President of the Friends of the Library, gave a report on the Friends activities to the Library Board. In October the Friends approved funding for holiday decorations for the Library.

**Report from the
Friends of the Library,
a Library Support
Group**

The Friends also approved funding requested by Sylvia Anderle for a joint family storytelling concert with the Children's Literature Council. The event will be held in the Children's Activity Room on Saturday, April 28th from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m. Four California storytellers will perform for 25 minutes each.

Friends current membership is 460 members.

The Friends Bookstore has a new co-chair, Martha Goode.

There were a few updates to the Library's budget in the mid year budget report. The budget for the Library's electricity will go over budget estimations.

Library Budget

**Nationwide Current
Library Trends -
Review of Library
Journal Articles**

Secretary's Report

The Library Board asked that the following items be included in next Library Board agenda:

Agenda Building

Adjournment

Vice Chair Edwards moved to adjourn the meeting. Boardmember Field seconded the motion. The motion was approved in a unanimous voice vote. The meeting was adjourned at 8:55pm.

Attest:

Approved:

Greg Mullen

Edward Edwards

City Librarian

Library Board Chair