

SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD



Minutes of the REGULAR Meeting of August 6, 2009 To Be Approved

- Call to Order** A REGULAR meeting of the Library Board was called to order by Chairperson, Edward Edwards, at 7:05 p.m., Thursday, August 6, 2009 at the Administrative Conference Room, Main Library, 601 Santa Monica Blvd., Santa Monica.
- Roll Call**
- PRESENT:** Boardmember Breisch, Chairperson Edwards, Boardmember Oppenheim and Vice Chair Stern
- ABSENT:** Boardmember Blackwell
- ALSO PRESENT:** Linda Armstrong, community member; Greg Mullen, City Librarian; Rachel Foyt, Administrative Analyst
- Public Input** Community member, Linda Armstrong, expressed her wish that the Friends of the Library Bookstore be enlarged.
- Email communication from Numan Gurup** The Board discussed an email communication from Numan Gurup regarding circulation and new library card procedures. The Board reviewed the circulation procedures. Library staff will respond to Mr. Gurup.
- Approval of the Library Board Minutes** Motion by Boardmember Oppenheim, seconded by Boardmember Breisch to approve the minutes of the Library Board meeting of June 4, 2009. The motion was approved by the following vote:
- AYES: Boardmember Breisch, Chairperson Edwards, Boardmember Oppenheim and Vice Chair Stern
- NOES: None
- ABSENT: Boardmember Blackwell
- Report from the Friends of the Library, a Library Support Group** Greg Mullen, City Librarian, gave a report on the Friends of the Library July Board meeting. The Friends approved a request for funding for a November celebration of the 40th anniversary of Sesame Street. Erica Cuyugan, Young Adult Librarian, reported on three projects the Friends funded – Book Buddies, the teen film festival, and the teen creative arts contest. The Friends are working on selecting a date for the second program in their science and technology series.
- Friends Treasurer, Lisa Pound, is taking a leave of absence from the Board.

Reappointment and Swearing in of Library Boardmember Dan Stern

Dan Stern was reappointed to the Library Board by City Council. He took the oath of office and was sworn in.

Library Board Elections

Vice Chair Stern nominated Chairperson Edwards to continue as Chair of the Library Board. Boardmember Oppenheim seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Boardmember Breisch, Chairperson Edwards, Boardmember Oppenheim and Vice Chair Stern

NOES: None

ABSENT: Boardmember Blackwell

Boardmember Oppenheim nominated Vice Chair Stern to continue as Vice Chair of the Library Board. Chairperson Edwards seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote:

AYES: Boardmember Breisch, Chairperson Edwards, Boardmember Oppenheim and Vice Chair Stern

NOES: None

ABSENT: Boardmember Blackwell

Facility Update

Mr. Mullen reported on maintenance at the main Library including the carpet and upholstery cleaning schedules, and the computer replacement schedule in the computer commons.

The Ocean Park Branch will be closed for interior improvements from Saturday, August 22 through Saturday, August 29 and will reopen on Monday, August 31 with a new popular materials area.

Reference Service Pilot Project

Santa Monica Public Library is one of 50 libraries participating in Text 4 Answers a nationwide collaborative text reference pilot project. In 2010 the project will be evaluated for an extension of service. Text reference is available from 6 a.m. – 8 p.m. Monday through Friday and Saturday 7 a.m. – 3 p.m. Text your questions to (309) 222-7740. Santa Monica Library patrons should include the code SMP in their text message.

Report on the Pico Area Branch Library Project

City Council approved 12.8 million in redevelopment funds for the Pico Area Branch Library project. Staff is beginning to develop the request for proposal for the library consultant and the architect. The environmental impact report is also underway.

Envisionware

The Library made a shift from the PC reservation system SAM to Envisionware. Patrons will use Envisionware to reserve a specific hour of time on the PC for internet and word processing software.

Additionally five computers near the periodicals desk were converted to 15 minute stations.

Nationwide Current Library Trends - Review of Library Journal Articles

Chairperson Edwards discussed an article in Library Hotline. A library in Dallas, TX charges a \$5 fee that allows patrons to be on a priority list for bestselling books and DVDs. In three months the library raised \$10,000.

Secretary's Report

Update on the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum

The Santa Monica Historical Society Museum has finalized their negotiations with the contractor. Museum staff is scheduling walk throughs and pre-construction meetings.

My iLibrary Audiobook Service

The Library will begin using a new downloadable audiobook service in addition to NetLibrary called My iLibrary. My iLibrary will be compatible with iPod and Apple MP3 players. Audiobook titles will only be available to one user at a time.

Revised Circulation Procedures Implemented

New limits on CDs and DVDs have been implemented. The new fines and fees have gone into effect and a new teen library card designation has been added.

Library Statistics for May and June 2009

Staff distributed the Library statistics for May and June 2009 and the annual report for fiscal year 2008/09. Board discussion followed.

Agenda Building

The Library Board asked that the following items be included in the next Library Board agenda: an update on the Santa Monica Historical Society Museum; a discussion on e-books; and a demonstration of My iLibrary.

The October Library Board meeting will be held at the Ocean Park Branch.

The September Library Board meeting is moved from September 3 to September 10 due to lack of quorum.

Adjournment

Chair Edwards adjourned the meeting at 8:34pm.

Attest:

Approved:

Greg Mullen
City Librarian

Edward Edwards
Library Board Chair

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