

THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 28TH DAY OF JULY 2009 AT 4:00 P.M. AT CAMARENA MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 850 ENCINAS AVENUE, CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR, AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR HOLDING SUCH SAID MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 4:05 p.m. by President DeNecochea.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present:

Margarita De Necochea
Armida Romero
Norberto Nuñez
Gaspar Cuevas (arrived at 4:15)

Trustees absent:

Jeannette Chew
Gaspar Cuevas

Community Services Director:

Sandra Tauler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was dispensed with since the meeting was held in the adult reading area of the library and there was not flag in that area.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion by Trustee Romero, seconded by Trustee Nuñez and passed unanimously, the agenda was approved as delivered.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Trustee Romero, seconded by Trustee Nuñez and passed unanimously, the following items listed on the consent agenda were approved: minutes for the regular meeting held on June 24, 2009; ratification of purchase orders for the month of July 2009; ratification of demands for the month of July 2009; and monthly statistical report for the month of June 2009.

CLOSE LIBRARY FOR INVENTORY, AUGUST 5 – 15, 2009

Ms. Tauler asked for authorization to close the library for the annual inventory. This is the time when all books are scanned so that we can update our database. It is also the time when new books are processed after the hectic summer activities that do not allow this part of the workload to be completed. Ms. Tauler pointed out that the closure will be advertized to the media and large signs will be placed at the front door. She also mentioned that the Carnegie Technology Center will remain open during this time period, so that people have a resource for their computing needs. On motion by Trustee Nuñez, seconded by Trustee Romero and passed unanimously the closure of the library for inventory was approved.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

- Two air conditioning units in the library have stopped working, one in the Robert Morales room and one in the adult reading area. A large swamp cooler was rented for the time being. A request for bids to replace the units has been sent out with a deadline of August 5th. Once bids are received the item will be placed on the City Council agenda to award the contract. This is expected to happen at the August 18th meeting. Hopefully, once the contract is awarded the units will be installed in a few weeks.
- The Summer Family Reading Program was a big success. The parties are being held this week at the Cultural Arts Center. We had over 750 participants this year, with activities for all age groups.
- The Carnegie library has a new schedule for the summer. This was made possible because the Branch at William Moreno will be closed for the summer since the school will be closed. Ms. Tauler was able to switch staff members around so that the Carnegie can be open 4 days a week. The schedule will be 3-7 p.m., Monday thru Thursday.
- Ms. Tauler informed the Board that she had been asked by Councilman Fuentes to allow the Class of 79 to have their class reunion at the Carnegie Library. Ms. Tauler initially agreed. The building was shown to the reunion committee. Upon closer examination of the situation, Ms. Tauler reconsidered her acceptance of the event, however several weeks had already gone by since she had agreed to it. She informed the Board about the concerns she had: the liability to the City; allowing alcoholic beverages in the building; the danger of the steep stairs, the possible damage to the floors, allowing food and drinks inside the building, the capacity of the

building not being adequate and the lack of appropriate restroom facilities for a large group. She also pointed out that she had already said yes to the group. The Board adamantly opposed the use of the Technology Center for this type of activity.

- President DeNecochea requested that Ms. Tauler look into the availability of “leftover” CDBG funds that may be available for the technology center.

INFORMATION

Items included:

NEW BOOKLIST FOR THE MONTH OF JUNE
ADULT BOOK CLUB FLYER

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED AT 4:35 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting will be WEDNESDAY, August 26, 2009