

**THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 30<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF SEPTEMBER 2009 AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE CARNEGIE TECHNOLOGY CENTER, 420 HEBER 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 5:10p.m.by president De Necochea.

**ROLL CALL**

**Trustee present:**

Gaspar Cuevas  
Armida Romero  
Margarita De Necochea

**Trustee absent:**

Norberto Nuñez  
Jeanette Chew

**Community Services Director:**

Sandra Tauler

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The flag salute was dispensed with because the room did not have a flag.

**APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA**

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

**COMMENTS FROM THE PUBLIC**

Carlos Herrera Jr. stated that the intent of using the Carnegie Technology Center as the venue for the 1979 class reunion is sincere. He is a member of the Carnegie Technology Center Committee and he is just as concerned about the welfare of the building as the Library Board members. Initially he was concerned about the size of the Carnegie, he thought it too small to host a party, also there are not enough restrooms, the stairs are narrow and pose a danger, and he was worried about causing damage to the building, especially to the wood floor.

After careful consideration, the committee for the class of 1979 decided that they could address each and every concern. The class reunion will be small, so far only 37 classmates have registered to attend. A dance floor will be put inside to protect the wood floor, no food will be allowed inside, all food will be served outside, portable lavatories will be rented and placed outside. There will also be some sort of covering on the grass outside in order to prevent any damage to the grass, and they will clean up after the event.

Mr. Herrera mentioned that he thought that having the class reunion at the Carnegie would help raise awareness and encourage people to donate to the Carnegie.

President De Necochea suggested that the class of 1979 donate a tree. Trustee Romero stated that she appreciated all thought put into all the concerns regarding the use of the Carnegie, and her concerns were all addressed.

Ms. Tauler stated that in the future, the Carnegie will not be used to host private parties. This was a one-time use permission. Ms. Tauler also suggested that the class of 1979 committee suggest to everyone that they access the restrooms using the side door. This will make access to the restrooms easier and safer for everyone.

Mr. Herrera asked if there were any concerns that were not brought up? Everyone was comfortable with the current conditions.

### **CONSENT AGENDA**

On motion by Trustee Romero, seconded by Trustee Cuevas and passed unanimously, the following items listed on the consent agenda were approved: minutes for the regular meeting held on August 26, 2009; ratification of purchase orders for the month of September; ratification of demands for the month of September; and the monthly statistical report for the month of August, 2009.

### **2008-2009 PROGRAM STATISTICS REPORT**

Ms. Tauler reported that the Library held a total of 623 programs in the 2008-2009 fiscal year. There was a total of 15,379 participants for these programs. Trustees received a detailed written report for all programs and participation during fiscal year 2008-2009.

### **GET INVOLVED: POWERED BY YOUR LIBRARY 2010 TRAINING INSTITUTE APPLICATION**

Ms. Tauler reported that the Library submitted an application to the California State Library for a grant that helps in recruiting volunteers. If the Library is awarded this grant, Library staff members will attend a three day training in February or March, on how to recruit and train volunteers for the Library.

### **CALIFORNIA'S FAMILY PLACE LIBRARY PROGRAM TRAINING APPLICATION FOR FY 2009-10**

Ms. Tauler reported that the Library submitted an application for a grant to train the Library staff in how to develop a family space in the Library. The family space would be for parents with children ages 0-3 year old.

## **UPDATE ON 2009-10 BUDGET**

Ms. Tauler reported that the Library's budget was cut by 15% and none of the Library staff was cut. The 15% budget cut did affect the supplies and services budget as well as the book budget. Ms. Tauler did reassure the Library Board members that new books will be purchased, just not as many as in previous years. There are grant monies that will help with buying new books.

## **NEW CARNEGIE TECH CENTER HOURS**

Ms. Tauler reported that the Carnegie was given a budget of \$60,000 for the 2009-2010 fiscal year. The Carnegie will continue to open Monday thru Thursday from 3p.m.-8p.m. This new schedule has proven to be very effective. When the Carnegie was open only one day a week, there were about 8 users a week. With the new schedule, the Carnegie is averaging about 30-40 people a day and the weekly Internet and e-mail classes have started. The Carnegie will keep this current schedule until it can afford to open more hours.

## **LIBRARIAN'S REPORT**

Ms. Tauler reported that Trustee Chew had informed her that she will not be able to attend any of the Board meetings until she is done with her schooling this semester, but that she would like to continue to be a part of the Library Board. Ms. Tauler stated that Trustee Chew is a valuable member of the Board and asked if the Board members wanted to be patient with her current schedule.

## **INFORMATION**

Items included:

NEW BOOKLIST FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST

FFL FLYER

SENIORS MOVIE DAY FLYER

CROCHET CLUB FLYER

WALKING CLUB FLYER

ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE MEETING WAS  
ADJOURNED AT 6:00 P.M.

Next regular meeting will be WEDNESDAY, October 28, 2009