

THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 26TH DAY OF MAY 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 5:07 p.m. by Trustee Romero.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present:

Gaspar Cuevas
Armida Romero
Jeanette Chew

Trustee absent:

Margarita DeNecochea
Norberto Nuñez

Community Services Director:

Sandra Tauler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The flag salute was lead by Trustee Romero.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Trustee Cuevas, seconded by Trustee Romero and passed unanimously, the following items listed on the consent agenda were approved: minutes for the regular meeting held on April 28, 2010; ratification of purchase orders for the month of May, 2010; ratification of demands for the month of May 2010; the monthly statistical report for the month of April 2010; and the Live Homework Help usage report for the month of April 2010.

2010-11 BUDGET UPDATE

Ms. Tauler reported that because of all the cuts she has already made to the Library's budget, there is really only one area left to cut from, which would be from personnel. In her proposal, she proposed to cut the part-timer employee's hours in half. She chose to cut hours instead of laying off because it would be very difficult to continue to run and operate 3 buildings with only 6 employees. She also proposed a

10% salary cut across the board. There has also been talk of full-time employees being laid off, but no decisions have been made as of yet regarding next year's budget. Last week, Ms. Tauler had to let go of all the Recreation leaders, except for 4 who will be finishing out the men's basketball league. Ms. Tauler urged the Board members to attend the City Council meetings.

Ms. Tauler reported that at the last City Council meeting, there was an item on the agenda that proposed that Public Safety employees not be included in future layoffs. This was not approved. The City Manager suggested a 15% cut per employee whether it be in salary or benefits, and asked the Unions to come up with other ideas. Ms. Tauler recommended closing every weekend to be able to provide services with reduced staff.

SUMMER FAMILY READING PROGRAM

Ms. Tauler informed the Board that she will be meeting with her full-time employees to plan and prepare for the Summer Reading program, in case the part-timers are laid off. Certain activities only require one employee to be present, but Ms. Tauler believes that the parents who attend will be willing to help out.

Trustee Chew asked for what ages the Summer reading program is for? Ms. Tauler replied that the program is for all ages, from toddlers to adults. There are special activities for children 0-5 years, all school aged children, including teens, and a reading and scrapbooking club for adults. The program will run from June 16th through July 29th. Registration will begin on June 9th.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

- Ms. Tauler reported that the Library's book sale will take place on Saturday, June 5, 2010. She encouraged everyone to stop by or to volunteer with the book sale.
- Ms. Tauler reported that the Carnegie Technology Center has between 60 and 70 users a day, and in addition to the internet and e-mail classes, is now offering classes for Excel, a spreadsheet program. Currently the class is offered free of charge, and it is held for three consecutive weeks. The class is limited to 8 people at a time, and there is already a 3 month waiting list for this class. Ms. Tauler is considering charging for this class in order to prevent people from dropping out. The fee would be minimal. Eventually Ms. Tauler would like to offer even more courses, such as Word and Publisher.
- Ms. Tauler reported that the Library had received a free 4 hour Library organization consultation through Infopeople. Some of the recommendations from the consultant were to take down all the postings in the Library, except for the ones on the designated bulletin boards. It was also recommended that a lobby area be created, and that the young adult area be moved to a different spot. Ms. Tauler hopes to implement all these recommendations soon. As a matter of fact, all postings have already been taken down, a lobby area has been created, the new books have been moved, and a section for small children has been created.

- Trustee Chew asked what the status was on the offices at the Library, the ones that are closed and the windows are covered. Ms. Tauler replied that those offices are closed due to mold, and the City has not had the funds to clean them. The good news is that the City has earthquake insurance, and because the Library did suffer some damage during the Easter Sunday earthquake, the insurance is going to pay to have the offices cleaned along with the repairs from the earthquake.
- Trustee Romero asked if the pool would be opened this Summer. Ms. Tauler replied that the pool will not be open because of damages that it received due to the earthquake. She does not know when the pool will be repaired.

INFORMATION

Items included:

NEW BOOKLIST FOR THE MONTH OF APRIL

SURE HELPLINE FLYER “ONLINE DATING”

SURE HELPLINE FLYER “SUBSTANCE ABUSE PREVENTION”

TEEN RIF FLYER

FFL FLYER FOR MAY

MUSIC RIF FLYER

MAY/JUN NEWSLETTER

MAY ACTIVITY CALENDAR

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED AT 5:52 P.M.

Next regular meeting will be WEDNESDAY, JUNE 23, 2010