

THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET IN SPECIAL SESSION ON THE 26TH DAY OF AUGUST 2009 AT 5:00 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 5:20 p.m. by Vice-President Nuñez.

ROLL CALL

Trustees present:

Norberto Nuñez

Armida Romero

Jeanette Chew

Trustees absent:

Margarita DeNecochea

Gaspar Cuevas

Community Services Director:

Sandra Tauler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-President Nuñez.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

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

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by Trustee Romero, seconded by Trustee Chew and passed unanimously, the following items listed on the consent agenda were approved: minutes for the regular meeting held on July 22, 2009; ratification of purchase orders for the month of August; ratification of demands for the month of August 2009; and monthly statistical report for the month of July 2009.

DRAFT POLICY FOR USE OF CARNEGIE CENTER

Ms. Tauler provided the board with various examples of policies from other libraries for the board to look through. Ms. Tauler asked the board to think about what the board would like to include in the policy in order to further discuss at the next meeting.

ATTENDANCE TO CALIFORNIA LIBRARY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN PASADENA, OCTOBER 29-NOVEMBER 2, 2009

Ms. Tauler explained that the Library has two grants that will allow two staff members to attend the California Library Association conference. A list of expenses was attached to show the board how the money from the grant will be spent. Her recommendation is to send Lizeth Legaspi and Norma Gerardo to this conference. On motion by Trustee Romero, seconded by Trustee Chew and passed unanimously, the attendance to the conference for the two recommended staff members was approved.

AUTHORIZE VACATION LEAVE FOR LIBRARY DIRECTOR FROM SEPTEMBER 8-17TH, 2009

Ms. Tauler explained that the Library had received a grant to attend a conference for the Association of Small & Rural Libraries, in Tennessee. Ms. Tauler explained that she will be using her own personal time to attend this conference. On motion by Trustee Chew, seconded by Trustee Romero and passed unanimously, the approval of Ms. Tauler's time off necessary to attend the ASRL conference in Tennessee was approved.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

- Ms. Tauler reported that the library had submitted an application for a Family Place Grant, which would provide the library staff with training and help establish a special area for parents with children ages 0-3 years in the Library.
- Ms. Tauler reported that the branch library will re-open on Monday, August 31, 2009, after having been closed for the whole summer. Ms. Tauler will only be sending one staff member to the branch, as opposed to two staff members as done in previous years. Ms. Tauler will also send two volunteers to the branch to help out the staff member.

- Ms. Tauler reported that the Carnegie Library will also only have one staff member on site, along with two or more volunteers.
- Ms. Tauler reported that the Summer Family Reading Program was a huge success. There were a total of 57 programs held. There were 229 children registered for the Read-to-me club, 421 in the Reading club, 18 in the adult book club, 21 in the scrapbooking class, 15 in the Poetry club, and 63 in the Teens club. Ms. Tauler stated that these numbers were very good considering that many students who would have normally participated at the branch, did not this year because the branch was closed.
- Ms. Tauler mentioned that the free lunch program was also a hit. This was the first year that this type of program was held at the Library. There were between 80-100 lunches a day given to children 18 years and under. Food was provided by the Calexico Neighborhood House.
- Ms. Tauler reported that the City is at an impasse with the workers union, therefore still trying to find ways to cut costs. Each Director was asked to submit a budget proposal showing both a 10% and 15% cut. Ms. Tauler assured the Library Board that even with these cuts the Library would still be able to afford to buy some new books.
- Ms. Tauler informed the Library Board that the new air conditioning units for the Library have been ordered and will be installed in the next week.
- Ms. Tauler reported that starting September 14, 2009, the Carnegie will begin hosting computer classes for the public. One is a basic Internet class the second is an e-mail class. Trustee Romero asked if these classes are offered in English and Spanish. Ms. Tauler replied that the classes are bilingual. There are no separate classes for English or Spanish only.

INFORMATION

Items included:

NEW BOOKLIST FOR THE MONTH OF JULY
 CARNEGIE INTERNET CLASS FLYER

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE MEETING WAS
 ADJOURNED AT 6:47 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting will be WEDNESDAY, September 23, 2009