

**MINUTES
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

September 16, 2008
5:00 P.M.
Central Library
7111 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cox, Budwig, Hall, Kuperberg, Lewis, Miles, and Moore

MEMBERS ABSENT: None

STAFF PRESENT: Moran, Blassingame

COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT: None

PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS:

None

MINUTES: July 15, 2008

CHAIR COX ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED: SO MOVED BY MR. LEWIS AND SO SECONDED BY MR. KUPERBERG, THE MINUTES OF JULY 15, 2008 WERE APPROVED AS SUBMITTED.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: Mr. Larry Parker, a 22 year resident of Huntington Beach, was in attendance and requested the floor. Mr. Parker first thanked the Library Board for continuing to make available to the public the Genealogical collection housed at the library. Mr. Parker then commented that he heard about the possibility of the Banning branch being rebuilt for a sum of \$7 million. He stated that he thinks the amount seems high, considering the branch only has 15 visitors per day, according to the library's annual statistics which are posted on the library's website. He noted that the statistics sheet listed the Banning branch as having a "Number of Patrons" in the amount of 3,772 for the 07/08 fiscal year. Mr. Moran found that number to be surprising and assured Mr. Parker that he would check with Nanci Williams regarding that information.

Mr. Moore added that one of the benefits of a new branch would be an increased parking area, eliminating the need to have parking permits. Chair Cox also noted that the current branch is cramped and a new branch may be more inviting to residents.

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: Ms. Blassingame presented the June and July meeting minutes to Chair Cox for her signature.

Ms. Blassingame, on behalf of Rose Saylin, Library Literacy, presented information on the upcoming state budget and the possibility of Library Literacy Funds being cut or eliminated from that budget. She presented letters addressed to the various Assembly and Senate members of California from the Library Board expressing their support of Library Literacy Funds. The Board agreed to sign the letters for

submission to the Assembly and Senate members of California in support of Library Literacy Funds. Ms. Blassingame will first make copies and then mail the letters.

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

F-1. Banning Library project

Mr. Moran provided a brief status report of the Banning project, adding that until the appointment of a new Library Director the project is pending. He also reminded the Board that the project is to be included in the City's Long Term Financial Plan as well as on the Capital Improvement Project list.

Mr. Kuperberg asked if Ms. Williams had provided a timeline for distribution at this meeting. Ms. Blassingame replied that she had not, but Ms. Blassingame would follow-up with Ms. Williams prior to the next Board meeting.

F-2. HB Centennial

Mr. Budwig planned to show a brief presentation of the slideshow draft, but discovered his PowerPoint program at home is a different version than the program on the City computer. He chose instead to show the various scanned images he is including in the slideshow.

Ms. Blassingame also reported that Nanci Williams, Principal Librarian, and Monica Miltko, Volunteer Services Coordinator, will contact the subcommittee and share their ideas regarding the Library's Centennial celebration, to parallel the City's Centennial celebration.

F-3. Library Director Recruitment Profile

Mr. Moran reported that the Library Director recruitment attracted some very strong candidates, according to Paul Emery, Interim City Administrator. Mr. Moran also stated that a new Library Director could be appointed as soon as mid-November. Mr. Moran added that the input provided by the Library Board was appreciated by Mr. Emery, and much of the qualities and recommendations were included in the recruitment brochure.

Chair Cox asked if Mr. Moran had information on where the candidates currently live. He replied that he does not know, only that the recruitment is being conducted by an Executive Search Firm and is likely a national search.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Mr. Moore brought three copies of the HB Reads One Book selection, 'the kids from nowhere' for the Board's use. He also brought informative posters and asked that the Board members take a few and display them where they deemed appropriate. Ms. Blassingame reported that she had distributed one poster to each branch, had made a two-sided display stand for the Reference area, and included one on the Community Board.

Mr. Moore reported that the HB Reads Committee was doing well, and attributed a smoother program introduction to an earlier start. He added that the author, George Guthridge, may appear at other events between now and his March 5th, 2009, appearance in Huntington Beach, the location of which has not yet been determined.

Mr. Kuperberg asked Mr. Moore if he'd read the book. Mr. Moore replied that he had and provided a brief summary of the book. Mr. Kuperberg also asked if the Board had previously passed a motion to support the HB Task Forces' efforts. Ms. Blassingame left the meeting to review the Board's files. Upon her return, she stated that the Board had passed a motion at the June 17, 2008 meeting to support the Task Force in this effort.

Ms. Blassingame distributed a flyer regarding the City Council Candidate Forum to be held on September 18 at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers.

Ms. Blassingame also distributed information regarding one additional 2008 Ethics Training presented by the City Attorney's office to be held on December 8.

Ms. Blassingame then distributed the September/October Children's programs calendar and information about the Children's Library programs and Oak View library and literacy programs.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Library Support Organizations: Mr. Budwig distributed an agenda for the Orange County, California Genealogical Society upcoming events and reviewed the various topic discussion being held at the library in October and November.

CALTAC: Mr. Moore reminded the Board about the annual awards luncheon held at the California Library Association Conference in San Jose, November 14 - 17, 2008. he also mentioned the Spring Workshop to be held March 14, 2009 at the Torrance Public Library.

LIBRARY BOARD COMMENTS: Mr. Hall asked Ms. Blassingame how far back Library Board minutes in electronic format go? She did not know, but offered to look into it. He added that he'd like to be able to search the documents electronically as well.

STAFF COMMENTS: None.

ADJOURNMENT: Chair Cox entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kuperberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Dionne Cox, Chair