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MINUTES

BOARD OF LIBRARY COMMISSIONERS SAN DIEGO PUBLIC LIBRARY Wednesday, December 7, 2011

ATTENDANCE

Commissioners:

Present: Susan Atkins, Salvatore Giametta, Ann Haddad, Sarah White

Absent: Abby Silverman Weiss, Katie Sullivan, Alan Ziegaus

Staff: Deborah Barrow, Library Director; Christine Siegel, Deputy Director; Diane Bednarski, Deputy Director; Steve Hawkesworth, Chief Financial and Chief Operating Officer, San Diego Public Library Foundation; Cynthia Meinhardt, Project Officer II, Architectural Engineering and Parks Division; Carol Tellez, Executive Secretary

Public: Punky and Anne Fristrom

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 12:32 p.m. in the Commission Room of the Central Library.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The October 2011 minutes were approved unanimously.

REQUESTS FOR CONTINUANCE

None.

NON-AGENDA PUBLIC COMMENT

None.

CHAIR'S UPDATE: Salvatore Giametta

Commissioner Giametta sadly announced that Friends President John McAllister had passed away, and expressed condolences to John's family.

REPORT FROM THE FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY: Punky Fristrom

Punky spoke eloquently about John McAllister's life and his many contributions as a library advocate and Friends President. John will be deeply missed.

SERRA SYSTEM ADVISORY BOARD: Deborah Barrow

The Librarians for Diverse Communities program is in its third and final year with 23 students, including a volunteer from San Diego Public's Central Library. Funding for Serra for this fiscal year has been held up due to the State budget triggers. Serra will know on December 15 whether it will receive State funding. Serra is working with San Diego Public Library (SDPL) on a two day conference "*Creando Enlaces: a Baja & Southern California Conference to Expand Library Borders*" to be held in January at the Logan Heights branch library. "*Creando Enlaces*" received an LSTA grant of \$20,000 from the State Library.

Ms. Barrow introduced Diane Bednarski as the new Deputy Director for the Branch Libraries Division.

LIBRARY FOUNDATION UPDATE: Steve Hawkesworth

Recent media on the New Central Library project has been helpful when talking to prospective donors. Three articles were passed out to the commissioners and staff.

Significant donor activity: Darlene Shiley pledged \$1 million to the New Central Library project.

AGENDA ITEMS

10.a Library System Update: Cynthia Meinhardt

Ms. Meinhardt gave an update on the New Central Library. The project is on schedule and work continues on drywall framing and pouring concrete on the eighth floor.

DIRECTOR'S UPDATE: Deborah Barrow

While attending the CLA annual conference last month, Ms. Barrow obtained a copy of the book *Letters About Literature in California, 2010* published by the California Center for the Book and the California State Library. Ms Barrow read excerpts from two students from San Diego who were featured in the book.

Library Commissioner Katie Sullivan was awarded the 2011 CALTAC award for *Commissioner for Outstanding Service to a Local Library*.

Librarian Rick Crawford and his book, *The Way We Were in San Diego*, will be featured on SDPL's author talk on Wed. Dec. 7, at 6:30 pm in the Central Library's Auditorium. Rick will share anecdotes from his book on San Diego's colorful past.

Three articles from the *Library Journal* regarding E-books and digitization were distributed:

- *All 50 State Librarians Vote to Form Alliance with Internet Archives Open Library*
- *Amazon Starts Lending Ebooks, but Head of ALA Says Libraries Still Offer Best Value*
- *Build Your Own Digital Media Lab*

A handout on the *Library's Ten Year Budget Summary* was distributed. Ms. Barrow gave an overview of the statistics provided and explained how they had been impacted by the reduction in library hours.

AGENDA ITEMS (cont)

10.b Budget Update

The City is projected to face a \$31.8 million deficit for the FY 2013 budget. The Mayor has requested preliminary reduction proposals from departments for FY 2013. The Library has limited options after prior years' reductions. Further reductions to the Library's budget could affect staffing, hours of operation and/or the book budget. The Mayor's final budget will be released in April 2012.

10.c Legislative Update

No report provided.

OTHER BUSINESS

The January 4, 2012 Library Commission meeting has been cancelled. The next meeting will be February 1, 2012.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Giametta adjourned the meeting at 1:20 p.m.

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