



## STANISLAUS COUNTY LIBRARY

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### **Library Advisory Board Minutes of April 10, 2008 meeting**

- I. Call to order – Acting Chairperson Sandy McDowell called the meeting to order at 4:36 p.m.  
Members Present: Margaret Bowen, Nadine Dunker, Sue Henderson, Sandy McDowell, Josh Vander Veen, and Vanessa Czopek.  
  
Guests: Library Foundation Member Maree Hawkins.  
  
Absent: President Sheridan Beuving, Laura Jensen, and Colleen McSorley.
- II. Approval of Minutes of January 10, 2008 meeting – Sue Henderson made the motion to approve; Nadine Dunker seconded the motion; unanimous approval.
- III. Public Comment Period - There were none.
- IV. Old business
  - a. Quarterly Statistical Reports – Vanessa Czopek distributed the Quarterly Activity Report for December 2007 – February 2008 as requested by members in the previous meeting. A copy will be mailed to absent members.
  - b. Volunteer Recognition Luncheon – Vanessa reported more volunteers are needed. Interested parties can call Beth Holmes in Home Delivery. Volunteer service is one-on-one with a person, approximately once per month or every six weeks, depending on a person's needs. A question was raised as to whether or not volunteers would need to use their personal vehicle. Vanessa affirmed they would and additionally must provide proof of car insurance. Sandy stated books are on cycle for three weeks and inquired if it would be the volunteer's responsibility to keep track of the books. Vanessa stated it is not the volunteer's responsibility to keep track and suggested having Beth Holmes on the next meeting agenda to give a presentation about Home Delivery Service. Margaret reported the Volunteer Recognition Luncheon was a circus theme this year and was delightful; Supervisor Monteith attended the event. The Library Foundation gave Shining Star Awards. Vanessa reported

library staff member Susan Lilly and Library Advisory Board member Sandy McDowell each received recognition awards at the Stanislaus Commission for Women's 2008 awards banquet.

- c. Maree Hawkins from the Library Foundation reported this year's Spelling Bee event will be held on April 24 at 6:00 p.m. Superintendent Tom Changnon will be the event's Master of Ceremonies. Tickets will also be sold at the door. Maree Hawkins explained the event entails twenty teams spelling against each other and Champion Speller Dave Riddle from Monterey will be there. The Library Foundation is seeking volunteers for the event. Interested parties may call Maree Hawkins. Light refreshments will be served and a drawing will take place. Maree Hawkins reported donations are down this year; the Library Foundation donated \$12,000 to the library last year and they hope to raise \$10,000 for the library this year. Josh suggested contacting Savemart and other markets for sponsorship.

## V. New Business

- a. County Librarian Report – Vanessa Czopek
  - i. Vanessa introduced the library's new Confidential Assistant Angela Ferreira.
  - ii. Vanessa welcomed Josh Vander Veen who is currently fulfilling David Lopez's term, due to expire January 2009. Vanessa requested that Josh send an official letter stating he would like to continue serving on the board. Vanessa reviewed all term expirations and dispersed a list to each board member.
  - iii. Sue will need to send an official letter requesting reappointment before June 8.
  - iv. Vanessa reported the library's budget is in process and in the final form for the Board of Supervisors. There is a 1.1 million dollar gap in funding and there will be significant impacts on service and staff levels. Budget figures include: a decrease of 12% in sales tax revenue, which makes up approximately 85% of the library's budget; 3% decrease in County funds; 7.5% decrease in local revenue; and a 66% decrease in State funding. Vanessa will have a budget briefing in approximately two weeks with the Board of Supervisors. Nadine asked if it would be permissible for members to request to meet with the Board of Supervisors, as representatives of the Library Advisory Board. Vanessa stated members can do whatever they desire as Library Advisory Board members. Sandy expressed the need to emphasize our good libraries. Sandy reported two Turlock Friends of the Library members have sent letters to Supervisors in support of libraries.

VI. Next meeting Date – July 10, 2008, 4:30 p.m. in the conference room downstairs at the Modesto Library.

VIII. Adjournment – Sandy McDowell made a motion to adjourn. Vanessa Czopek seconded the motion. Unanimous approval.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Angela Ferreira