

**Library Advisory Board
Minutes
April 27, 2006**

Call to Order – Chairman David Lopez called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Present were David Lopez, Marilynne Allen, Sloane Ardis, Sheridan Beuving, Margaret Bowen, Helen Wang, Vanessa Czopek, Susan Lilly, Sheryl Morgan

Approval of Minutes of January Meeting – David Lopez made the motion to approve; Sheridan Beuving seconded the motion; unanimous approval.

Old Business

Foundation Resource Center: Susan Lilly reported on the library's investigation into partnering with the Foundation Resource Center to provide specialized resources for grant seekers in Stanislaus County. The Stanislaus Community Foundation is also interested in partnering, so Susan will meet with Patty Stone from the Foundation to discuss possible collaboration. The most appropriate location for the Resource Center is one issue that will need to be addressed. Susan will give an update at the next meeting

Public Comment Period – none

New Business

Vanessa Czopek announced that Library Advisory Board member Sloane Ardis was named Stanislaus Commission Young Woman of the Year.

County Librarian Report – Vanessa Czopek

AB 1234 Ethics training will be held on June 8, 2006, at 6:30 p.m. in the Board of Supervisors Basement Chambers at 1010 Tenth Street in Modesto. This meeting is mandatory for LAB members.

Vanessa Czopek distributed copies of the Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) for the library. She will be meeting with the Patty Hill Thomas of the CEO to discuss when or if the CIP will go to the Board of Supervisors.

Copies of the library budget for FY 2006-07 were distributed. The budget must still be approved by the Board of Supervisors.

The library has just begun transitioning our database system from Dynix to Horizon, a web-based catalog program with enhanced features. The conversion should be completed in July.

Vanessa Czopek and Susan Lilly attended Legislative Day in Sacramento and met with Greg Aghazarian, and aides to Charles Poochigian, Jeff Denham, and David Cogdill. Vanessa presented the legislators with library customer comments (customer comments were also distributed to the LAB). Comments were from every library and from a broad age range. Vanessa encouraged LAB members to advocate for more Public Library Funds (PLF) by contacting their representatives, as PLF has been slashed.

A library volunteer appreciation event was held April 8, 2006, at the Salida Library. The Library Foundation presented LAB member Peg Bowen with the Shining Star Award.

The library will start expanding the Information Technology (IT) Department after the transition from Dynix to Horizon is complete. IT may be moved to Salida.

Susan Lilly is finishing the 2006 Library Strategic Plan. All staff had input into the planning process. Copies will be distributed.

Library programming was discussed. A programming policy is currently being drafted, and a list of library programs for the next six months is being compiled. The ALA Bill of Rights and Freedom to Read and View Statement were distributed. Peg Bowen made the motion that the LAB draft a letter to the Board of Supervisors opposing the cancellation of a belly dancing program; Sloane Ardis seconded the motion; unanimous approval.

Next meeting – scheduled for July 13, 2006, in the Modesto Library Conference Room.

Minutes respectfully submitted by
Sheryl Morgan