

Library Advisory Board
Minutes of January 11, 2007 meeting

- I. Call to order – President David Lopez called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.
- II. Approval of Minutes of October meeting – Marilynne Allen made the motion to approve; Sandy McDowell seconded the motion; unanimous approval.
- III. Old business
 - A. Customer Satisfaction Survey – Susan Lilly reported that the customer survey, conducted in August, had very positive results. There was very little change from the last survey, conducted in January '05. Generally, customers are pleased with library service.
 - B. Cultural Programming – Susan Lilly reported that monthly cultural programs are planned as follows: January 20 – Scotland, February – Italy, March – Ireland The programs are being presented in partnership with the International Festival.
 - C. Affirm ALA Freedom to Read and Bill of Rights – Vanessa Czopek reviewed the American Library Association's Freedom to Read Statement and Library Bill of Rights. Peggy Bowen made a motion to affirm; Sandy McDowell seconded the motion; unanimous approval.
 - D. Library Facility Master Plan – Vanessa Czopek reported that she is working with the County CEO's office and a consultant on library planning to determine direction for library facilities planning.
 - E. Updated programming policy – Vanessa Czopek reported that the updated programming policy has been approved by the Board of Supervisors.
- IV. Public comment period – Sandy McDowell asked how the homeless population impacts the library. A discussion followed about the fact that during the day, when shelters are closed, some of the homeless people hang out in and around the library. They are treated like any other library customer and are expected to follow the library's rules for behavior.
- V. New Business
 - A. Meet New Board Member Laura Jensen, Youth Member – Laura introduced herself. She is a freshman at Modesto High School and she's happy to be serving on the Library Advisory Board.
 - B. Meet New Board Member Nadine Dunker, District 3 – Nadine introduced herself. She is a retired dental hygienist and she worked for her husband's CPA firm. Her daughter is a 5th Grade teacher...they are a family of readers.
 - C. Accounting Audits – Karen Meade reported that the library had excellent credit card audits, with 100% compliance in FY 04-05, and full compliance in FY 05-06. There was one recommendation from the 05-06 audit. It was not a finding, just a recommendation.
 - D. Resolution on Public Library Foundation (PLF) – Vanessa Czopek explained that the Public Library Foundation was established by the Governor and the State Legislature to provide an annual revenue allocation from the state general fund starting in FY 1983/84. However, PLF has never been fully funded. In recent years, it has been further reduced and additional cuts are proposed. A resolution urging the Governor and Legislators to

make libraries a priority, by fully funding PLF, was presented for the Library Advisory Board's consideration. Sandy McDowell made a motion to adopt the resolution; Peggy Bowen seconded the motion; unanimous approval.

E. Stanislaus County Library Foundation – Spelling Bee Maree Hawkins, of the Library Foundation Board, announced that the Adult Spelling Bee will be held on April 19, 2007, with a fundraising goal of \$22,000. Library Advisory Board members are invited to volunteer at the event that night.

F. Updated Library Rules for Behavior – Vanessa Czopek reported that the Board of Supervisors approved a change in the Rules for Behavior in order to accommodate coffee carts in Modesto and Salida. The rules now state that food or beverages may not be consumed in the library, “except in designated areas, as authorized by the County Librarian.” A request for proposals has been issued to select a vendor(s) to operate coffee carts in Modesto and Salida.

G. Recruit new members: Oakdale, Riverbank or Waterford. Vanessa reported that there is a vacancy in seat representing Supervisorial District 1. There is a need to recruit a member from Oakdale, Riverbank or Waterford.

H. County Librarian's Report

1. Vanessa reported that there is an Memorandum of Understanding that the City of Patterson will continue to book the meeting rooms at the Patterson Library. As such, there is no charge to use the room and organizations may reserve the rooms for multiple consecutive meetings.
2. Waterford – The city of Waterford wants to build a joint use facility to include city offices, as well as county departments such as the Sheriff's Department and the Library. Although the city owns the land and has secured an architect, funding is uncertain, so the project is on hold at this time.
3. The county has issued a Request for Proposals to select a vendor(s) to operate coffee carts at libraries in Modesto and Salida.

VI. Next meeting – The Library Advisory Board will meet on April 12, 2007.

VII. Adjournment – The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.