

MINUTES OF THE LIBRARY BOARD ANNUAL MEETING

January 11, 2006
4:00 p.m.

Tucson-Pima Public Library
Joel D. Valdez Main Library
101 N. Stone Ave.
Tucson, Arizona

MEMBERS PRESENT: President Pat Peterson, Vice President Wendell Niemann, Jack Kuhn, Sofia Abrams, Obdúlia González, Marjorie Gerdes, Carla Stoffle, Dan Eckstrom, and Joel Valdez

CALL TO ORDER

President Pat Peterson called the meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.

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It was moved by Jack Kuhn and seconded by Obdúlia González that the December 14 minutes be accepted as written, motion passed.

INTRODUCTIONS

REPORTS FROM LIBRARY BOARD MEMBERS, FRIENDS GROUPS, AND FOUNDATION

Library Board

Pat Peterson reported that Nancy Ledebor contacted both of the new City Council Members, Nina Trasoff and Karin Uhlich regarding the Library Board Member vacancy. Council Member Trasoff suggested Barbara O'Brien who is interested in being on the Board. Pat has met with Barbara and explained the duties of the Board Member. Barbara is retired, has her MLS and had worked for TUSD and she is now an educator on a consultant basis. Nancy will review the process to facilitate Barbara's appointment.

Several Board Members gave comments of interest regarding Governor Janet Napolitano's State of the State luncheon they attended today.

Wendell Niemann commented that the Community Foundation of Southern Arizona's newsletter included an article that ties to the subject presented at last month's Board meeting by Karen Koevary, Librarian. He said it is exciting to see institutions that have been in Tucson for a while to come together to provide the best service to the community and he was pleased that the library was participating in these important activities.

Dan Eckstrom congratulated Dr. Valdez for his honorary PhD he received from the University of Arizona.

TPPL Friends

Joan Miller, Past President, distributed bookmarks announcing that the TPPL Friends 35th Annual Book Sale event is scheduled February 4—22.

Bear Canyon Friends

Jack Kuhn said the Friends' meeting is scheduled for next week.

Oro Valley Friends

Marjorie Gerdes said the Oro Valley Library Friends' book sale is scheduled January 18—21. The Town of Oro Valley has been very gracious in allowing the Oro Valley Friends to house a book shop inside the Library. The grand opening for the Oro Valley Library expansion is February 4.

Library Foundation

Betty Holpert reported that the annual solicitation letter has generated a positive response. Invitations were mailed for their first Literary Salon fund raising featuring author Jennifer Carrell who wrote the Speckled Monster, a historical tale about smallpox. The event is to be held at Donna Grant's house on Sunday, February 12, 4:00—6:00 p.m., \$30 per person.

OLD BUSINESS

Library Transition Update

Nancy Ledebouer said that Liz Miller is unable to attend today's meeting but Hank Atha will be attending.

- There have been numerous meetings to discuss final details in the draft IGA.
- The draft has been submitted to the County Administrator and City Manager for their review.
- The City has agreed to fund approximately \$1 million in improvements as part of the transition, e.g., telephone system, repair roofs, repair boilers.
- There are a few points that Hank and Liz have agreed that they disagree on. They decided it would be best for Mr. Huckelberry and Mr. Hein to resolve those issues.
- Some of the issues are:
 - ✓ Who will have rights to the roofs for telecommunications and possibly to collect rent for use of roof tops?
 - ✓ Continuing free parking at the Main Library for Library patrons. City ParkWise would like the Library to pay for "lost revenues" from validating free parking for library customers.
 - ✓ Allowing Library employees who retire from the City to maintain their current salary when they transfer to the County.
- The Board of Supervisors and Mayor and Council joint meeting has not been scheduled. Mr. Huckelberry and Mr. Hein will schedule a meeting to discuss the IGA. Mr. Huckelberry will then brief each of the Board of Supervisors prior to a joint meeting.

Hank Atha said the City and County are still negotiating and there are two-three items that the County is reluctant on. Chuck Huckelberry and Mike Hein may meet next week to resolve the issues and give directions. He said we are operating under the assumption that the agreement will occur but it is not official until approved by the Board of Supervisors and Mayor and Council.

Joel Valdez reiterated his concerns about staff and the 30+ people eligible for retirement. He indicated there has been a precedent set of transferring staff from City to County and vice versa, this is not new. He encouraged staff to investigate how those transfers were handled.

Nancy indicated that the County has been supportive of all the major requests regarding staff. The issue of how retiring staff will be handled is new.

Nancy said as soon as we know when the joint meeting is scheduled, we will notify the Library Board members.

ACTION ITEM

Election of Library Board Officers

Pat Peterson reported that the Library Board Nominating Committee presented the slate of candidates that was accepted by the Board at last month's Board meeting.

Pat opened nominations from the floor. Dan Eckstrom moved and Marjorie Gerdes seconded to accept the slate presented by the Nominating Committee of Pat Peterson for President and Wendell Niemann for Vice President to serve another term; motion passed.

Renaming of the Wilmot Branch Library

Pat Peterson announced the agenda item. Jack Kuhn made a motion and Joel Valdez seconded that the Library Board forward its recommendation to Mayor and Council and the Board of Supervisors that the Wilmot Branch Library be renamed the Lewis C. Murphy Memorial Wilmot Branch; motion passed.

Several Board Members commented on the contributions made by Mayor Murphy and noted that he was responsible for ensuing funding for several new library branches.

Joel Valdez announced there will be a memorial service for Lewis Murphy Saturday, January 14, 2:00 p.m., at The DeMeester Outdoor Performance Center Reid Park.

Carla Stoffle inquired about the criteria for naming libraries. Nancy Ledeboer responded that in the past the process has been if it is a city library within the city boundary, the City has taken the authority to name the buildings. The County has taken the authority to name the buildings within the County's jurisdiction. There are no other official criteria for how or who something should be named.

Dan Eckstrom commented that even without a formal process libraries have been appropriately named to honor former staff and other deserving individuals.

Pat Peterson commented that in the past there has not been a set process for involving the Library Board when naming libraries. The Library Board has asked for information and a presentation on the reason the person is being honored and if the community has been approached. The Board then submits their recommendation to either Mayor and Council or the Board of Supervisors.

LIBRARY UPDATE

Library Director's Report

Nancy Ledeboer mentioned a few items not put in the report:

- The Stocker Foundation notified us that we have been awarded a \$20,500 grant. This will be used for the Summer Reading Program (SRP) to print additional materials and extend summer reading to children who otherwise might not participate in the program.
- We were notified by the Urban Library Council (ULC) that we will be receiving a \$25,000 grant as part of their Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) America's Neighborhood Librarians. ULC wrote a grant on behalf of ten public libraries to IMLS for funds to educate future librarians. The funds can be spent for tuition, books, and to send students to a program that ULC will hold in the fall.
- The computers will start being placed in branches that were purchased from the Gates Foundation grant we received a few weeks ago.

Statistics

There was no discussion on the statistics.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Nancy asked if the Board would like to prioritize any of the future agenda items. Jack Kuhn said he still thinks it would be beneficial to hear from teens. He felt the Board benefits from hearing their point of view.

Wendell Niemann asked that Pat Corella be placed on next month's agenda to explain his ULC Baltimore training experience.

- Library Budget
- Changing Roles of Librarians (was a conference several staff attended and Sharla Darby and Margie Farmer will be giving a presentation)
- Strategic Plan Update
- Tutor.com (is a service we purchased with a LSTA grant that is an on-line tutoring service in English and Spanish) Gina Macaluso is overseeing the project and will be able to give a report in several months.
- Project LIFT
- Teen Advocates
- Teen Advisory Board Member

CALL TO AUDIENCE

Jere Voigt offered an invitation to everyone to attend "An Evening of Book Lust" with Nancy Pearl, funded by the TPPL Friends. The event is scheduled for Wednesday, February 1, 7:15 p.m., Temple Emanu-El.

ADJOURNMENT

Jack Kuhn made a motion and Obdúlia González seconded to adjourn the meeting; motion passed unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Kay Fouts
Executive Assistant