

**MINUTES
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

June 19, 2007
5:00 P.M.
Central Library
7111 Talbert Avenue
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

ROLL CALL:

MEMBERS PRESENT: Cox, Kuperberg, Lewis, Moore and Parodi

MEMBERS ABSENT: Budwig, Miles

STAFF PRESENT: Wilson, Blassingame

Due to the absence of Secretary Hayden, Mary Wilson, Senior Librarian, acted as Secretary of the meeting.

COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT: None

PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS: Ms. Blassingame presented Mr. Parodi with a framed photograph of the Huntington Beach Public Library and a note from the Library Director, Ron Hayden, in thanks for Mr. Parodi's eight years of service on the Library Board of Trustees. Mr. Parodi thanked the Board members, stating that it was an honor to serve on the Library Board.

MINUTES: May 15, 2007

VICE-CHAIR COX ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED: SO MOVED BY MR. LEWIS AND SO SECONDED BY MR. KUPERBERG, THE MINUTES OF MAY 15, 2007 WERE APPROVED AS PRESENTED.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS: None

DISCUSSION ITEMS:

F-1. Orange County Heritage Coordinating Council.

Mr. Moore reported on the Orange County Heritage Coordinating Council (OCHCC), explaining that OCHCC is a group of librarians, archivists, curators, educators, volunteers, and representatives from local historical repositories who address common concerns in caring for local history collections. Mr. Moore further explained that the group meets every two months at a different location in Orange County to participate in discussions and updates, as well as networking, to exchange information on the history of the many cities in Orange County. Mr. Moore then circulated a set of the minutes from the last meeting of the OCHCC to the members of the Library Board. Mr. Kuperberg made mention of sharing the "Hopeful Journeys" video with the OCHCC and Mr. Moore replied that he has already done so. Mr. Moore then explained that the OCHCC showed interest in holding a meeting at the Huntington Beach Public Library on May 6, 2008. Mr.

Kuperberg asked if the group rented spaces in the various locations and Mr. Moore replied that the group was traditionally invited to a venue, hosted by the Board of Directors or Trustees of that location.

MR. MOORE PRESENTED A MOTION TO INVITE THE ORANGE COUNTY HERITAGE COORDINATING COUNCIL TO THE HUNTINGTON BEACH CENTRAL LIBRARY ON MAY 6, 2008. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY MR. KUPERBERG. VICE-CHAIR COX ASKED FOR DISCUSSION; NONE BEING OFFERED, THE MOTION WAS PRESENTED FOR A VOTE. ALL MEMBERS PRESENT WERE IN FAVOR. THE MOTION TO INVITE THE ORANGE COUNTY HERITAGE COORDINATING COUNCIL TO THE HUNTINGTON BEACH CENTRAL LIBRARY ON MAY 6, 2008 WAS APPROVED.

Vice-Chair Cox asked Ms. Blassingame to draft an invitation to the Orange County Heritage Coordinating Council, in the care of Mr. Richard Moore, member, inviting the group to hold the May 2008 meeting at the Huntington Beach Central Library.

F-2. Central Library Refurbishment.

Vice-Chair Cox invited Ms. Wilson to provide an update to the Central Library Refurbishment Project. Ms. Wilson explained that all bids had been received for the exterior painting of the library. A company was selected to paint the exterior portions of the library as well as portions of the interior. The painting is scheduled to begin during the first week of July. The task will involve draining the fountains behind the library to erect scaffolding in order to reach all portions of the library's exterior. The painting was estimated to take approximately one month. She added that during a portion of this task, the lower level parking behind the library would be closed as the painters will be using sprayer units.

Ms. Wilson also reported that a bid had been accepted to repair the interior facing of the skylights and this task may take place during the end of July and beginning of August. She explained that scaffolding would also be erected to complete this task, adding that it would be a minor but necessary inconvenience.

Ms. Wilson reminded the Board of Trustees that the Friends of the Library support group committed to financing the refurbishment of the C and D meeting rooms as well as the lower level hall/lobby area. This project is also scheduled for the end of July and beginning of August. Ms. Wilson added that the remaining rooms and theater will not be scheduled at this time. Mr. Parodi asked about the Rotunda area of the lower lobby. Ms. Wilson explained that several sources have been contacted, but a suitable solution has not yet been obtained. She asked that anyone who knows of a company or contact that works in acoustics please contact her.

Ms. Wilson then reported on the ceiling tiles on the fourth level of the stacks, explaining that these will also be replaced by the end of the fiscal year, September 30, 2007. Ms. Wilson also reported that new study desks which include electrical outlets will be purchased during this fiscal year. She added that electrical work is being planned for all four levels of the stacks, to accommodate the new study desks, and may be scheduled in 2008, contingent upon available funds. Mr. Moore commented on a recent visit he took to the newly refurbished Orange City library, and mentioned the unsightly cords dangling under the new study tables there. Ms. Wilson explained that the study desks selected for the Central Library have recessed cords.

Ms. Wilson reported that carpet replacement may take place in 2009, following the interior painting of the main areas.

Mr. Parodi asked if the stone surfaces of the stairs in the stacks are going to be carpeted or covered with a vinyl coating or tile. Ms. Wilson replied that she would add this idea to her task list, but at this time the stairs were not considered in the refurbishment. Ms. Wilson was thanked for her update.

F-3. Human Relations Task Force “HB Reads” program

Mr. Moore gave a report on the progress of the Human Relations Task Force project “HB Reads One Book.” He reported that at the June 4th, 2007, City Council meeting the Council approved the request to direct city staff to work with the Human Relations Task Force and the Library Board of Trustees to facilitate the Huntington Beach “Reads One Book” 2008 project as well as to adopt the reading selection “Three Cups of Tea.”

Vice-Chair Cox reported that she picked up a copy of the book selection at Costco. Mr. Kuperberg also obtained a copy of the book.

Mr. Moore stated that Mr. Hayden, the Library Director, has agreed to purchase a select number of the book for patrons to borrow. He further stated that the Task Force plans to roll-out the program in early September. Mr. Moore reported that the next Task Force meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 20, and he would have more information following that meeting.

Mr. Kuperberg mentioned that he recently learned Agoura Hills also has a “Read One Book” program.

Vice-Chair Cox thanked Mr. Moore for the update.

INFORMATION ITEMS:

Ms. Blassingame distributed information on the Children’s Library and Oak View library programs.

Mr. Moore reported on attending a meeting of the Huntington Beach Coordinating Committee (“HBCC”), a group of individuals representing such organizations as Kiwanis, Literacy, and Friends that meet to share information on various events taking place in Huntington Beach. The Huntington Beach Human Relations Task Force made a presentation of the “Reads One Book” 2008 project to the HBCC. Mr. Moore proposed that the Library Board of Trustees consider joining the Coordinating Committee as representative of the Huntington Beach Library System. He offered to forward an application to Ms. Blassingame.

Ms. Blassingame reported on the probability of an upcoming meeting regarding the Banning Branch library which will require that the Library Board of Trustees meet with City Council during a joint Study Session held prior to a Council meeting, possibly during late September or mid-October.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Library Support Organizations: Ms. Blassingame reported that the Friends of the Library have no scheduled events again until September.

CALTAC: Mr. Moore had no new information regarding CALTAC. He stated that legislation was being watched.

Mr. Lewis reported that he enjoyed reading about the Huntington Beach Library in an CALTAC article submitted by Mr. Moore.

LIBRARY BOARD COMMENTS:

Mr. Parodi asked if many applications to fill the upcoming Library Board of Trustees opening has been received. Ms. Blassingame replied that she has received only one application, but did post a Notice of Vacancy to see if anyone else in the City was interested in serving on the Board of Trustees. She also reported that the last day to submit an application is June 22, 2007.

STAFF COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT: Vice-Chair Cox entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Kuperberg made a motion to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Parodi seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Lloyd Budwig, Chair