

**MINUTES  
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

April 16, 2013  
5:00 P.M.  
Central Library  
7111 Talbert Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**ROLL CALL:**

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Croteau, Vogel, Cox, Daugherty, Lewis and Moore

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Miles

**STAFF PRESENT:** Beverage, Blassingame

**COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT:** None

**PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS:**

Ms. Beverage announced that Abraham Gonzalez was selected to receive the Melville Dewey Staff Recognition Award for the month of March for volunteering his time to assist the library staffed promotion booth during the Kiwanis Easter Egg Hunt.

**MINUTES: MARCH 19, 2013**

CHAIR CROTEAU ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE MARCH 19, 2013 MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. SO MOVED BY MR. LEWIS, AND SO SECONDED BY MR. MOORE. AS NONE WERE OPPOSED, THE MINUTES OF MARCH 19, 2013 WERE ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

Ms. Blassingame asked Chair Croteau to sign the March meeting minutes.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

**F-1. Senior Librarian position.**

Ms. Beverage reported that the Senior Librarian interview panel is scheduled for Wednesday, April 17 and she hopes to receive an eligibility list by the following week.

Mr. Lewis asked how many candidates were selected and Ms. Beverage stated that nine candidates were scheduled for the panel interview. She added that the three raters on the panel were Library Directors from Torrance, Mission Viejo and Newport Beach. Ms. Cox asked how the raters were selected and Ms. Beverage stated that the raters were selected by recommendation to Human Resources.

Chair Croteau asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

**F-2. State Legislation.**

Ms. Beverage reported on the status of SCA 7, a constitutional measure which seeks to reduce the local vote threshold for local special taxes and construction bonds from the current two-thirds vote to 55 and encouraged the Board members to submit letters supporting the measure personally, acknowledging the letter sent as a group. She added that the Amendment is going through the process and letters of support could be beneficial. Ms. Beverage concluded by stating that she will keep the Board informed.

Chair Croteau asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

**F-3. Building Projects.**

Ms. Beverage reported on an unexpected addition to the building projects list, explaining that the roll-up fire door to the Children's Wing requires replacement. She added that the door company will provide a quote soon. Ms. Beverage added that the tile flooring outside of literacy and the renovation of the Circulation Desk are on hold until she receives the estimate for removing the existing fire door and installing a new fire door.

Chair Croteau asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

**F-4. Main Street Library.**

Ms. Beverage reported that the Main Street branch formerly leased space has been vacated and is in need of being refloored, repowered and repainted. She met with a Demco representative to review the space, and Demco will provide a space suggestion plan. She also met with Public Works to address the repairs and upgrade to the power needs in that space. Ms. Beverage reported that she met with representatives of the Downtown Neighborhood group about their suggestions for the newly opened space. She explained to the Board members that the space will be utilized to serve the community, starting with storytime hours, and programs for patrons.

Mr. Moore asked about the Main Street Friends book sale. Ms. Beverage replied that the Friends group in that location is not a non-profit group with a 501(3)c or a set of by-laws, and that the library would work with them to allow for space, but that the sale collection would be thinned out. Mr. Moore also asked if the members of the Board could attend the Demco meeting when the space suggestions were presented, and suggested that the various phases of the renovation could be championed by members or organizations in the community to help with funding. Ms. Beverage replied that she would keep the

Board members informed about the Demco meeting and that she would present the championing idea to Library Management.

Chair Croteau asked if there were any further questions or comments and, there being none, she moved to the next item.

### **INFORMATION ITEMS:**

Ms. Blassingame distributed the Children's upcoming events calendar for April and May.

Ms. Cox reported that the Literacy fundraiser "Walk Run Read 5K" was well attended and while it needs some refining and more volunteers it was very successful for a first time event. Ms. Beverage added that she attended as well and had fun.

Ms. Beverage reported that the Aquarium's interior plumbing and drain system have been repaired.

### **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

#### **HB READS**

Mr. Moore reported that events for the 2013 HB Reads One Book reached a successful conclusion, sharing that the Art Center reception was well attended and the fundraising goal was met. He added that the High School event also went well, and was well received by the students.

#### **Friends of the Library**

Ms. Blassingame distributed flyers for the Friends of the Library May 9 Authors' Luncheon.

#### **Friends of the Children's Library**

Ms. Beverage reported that the Taste of Huntington Beach takes place on Sunday, April 28.

#### **Orange County, California Genealogy Society**

Ms. Beverage reported that the Orange County, California Genealogy Society held a very successful BASH on Saturday, March 2, 2013. Ms. Blassingame distributed the Events Calendar for May, June and July 2013, noting that the group will be dark in June.

#### **CPLA (California Public Library Advocates)**

Mr. Moore reported that CALTACTICS, the CPLA newsletter, features a summary of the Spring workshops and that the next Spring Workshops for the CPLA in March 2014 will be hosted by the Huntington Beach Public Library.

Mr. Moore also shared that he participated in the Whittier Reads One Book program and the book they selected was 'Gloryland' by Shelton Johnson, a book Huntington Beach had considered. He added that he was able to attend a lecture featuring the author, which was very interesting.

### **LIBRARY BOARD COMMENTS:**

None.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

Ms. Blassingame reminded the Board members of the annual Volunteer Appreciation Event on Monday, April 22, 2013.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Croteau entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Moore moved to adjourn the meeting and Mr. Lewis seconded the motion. There being no more business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by,

Betty Croteau  
Chair