

**MINUTES  
LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

March 19, 2013  
5:00 P.M.  
Central Library  
7111 Talbert Avenue  
Huntington Beach, CA 92648

**ROLL CALL:**

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

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Cox

**STAFF PRESENT:** Beverage, Blassingame

**COUNCIL LIAISONS PRESENT:** None

**PRESENTATIONS/COMMENDATIONS:**

Ms. Beverage announced that Viet Vu was selected to receive the Melville Dewey Staff Recognition Award for the month of February for his great work for Digital Literacy week, for his thorough and skilled design of the Digital Library marketing plan, and for printing the amazing t-shirts.

**MINUTES: FEBRUARY 20, 2013**

CHAIR CROTEAU ENTERTAINED A MOTION TO ACCEPT THE FEBRUARY 20, 2013 MEETING MINUTES AS SUBMITTED. SO MOVED BY MR. LEWIS, AND SO SECONDED BY MR. MOORE. AS NONE WERE OPPOSED, THE MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 20, 2013 WERE ACCEPTED AS SUBMITTED.

**ORAL COMMUNICATIONS/PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADMINISTRATIVE ITEMS:**

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

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

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

Ms. Beverage reported that the City Manager released the position of Senior Librarian. She explained that three interviews were conducted using the Eligibility list from the 2011 recruitment, an offer was made to one of the candidates and the offer was declined. Ms. Beverage opened a new recruitment, which closes on March 25.

Library Board members began a discussion regarding the declined position and rejection of candidates. Ms. Beverage explained that the candidates that were rejected lacked the experience in the technological skills required for that position in the library. She added that all candidates were required to hold a Masters' Degree in Library Sciences and have two years of increasing experience.

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%, after briefly summarizing the initial email sent to the Library Board members on January 31, 2013. She added that she also submitted the request to the Intergovernmental Relations Committee asking City Council to support the measure and that the vote failed. Ms. Beverage stated that she will continue to inform the Board members of any changes in legislation.

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 information on the upcoming “Serving With A Purpose” Volunteering Conference in Ontario, part of the Get Involved program, coordinated in part by Monica Miltko.

Ms. Blassingame distributed information on the Literacy fundraiser “Walk Run Read 5k.”

Ms. Beverage reported that the Aquarium’s interior plumbing and drain system will be repaired. She also reported on some Capital Projects in the Library Department including flooring tile, a new Circulation Desk, the possibility of new carpet in the stacks and in Genealogy, and new shelves at the Banning branch.

## **COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

### **HB READS**

Mr. Moore reported that the screening of the movie “Bullied” received a robust turnout. He added that tickets to the Author Reception fundraiser at the Art Center are selling well.

### **Friends of the Library**

Ms. Blassingame distributed flyers for the Annual Friends of the Library field trip in April.

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

Ms. Beverage reported on the progress of the Taste of Huntington Beach, scheduled 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.

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

Mr. Moore reported that the March 2 CPLA workshops “Guerrilla Advocacy - It’s a Jungle Out There!” had very good attendance and featured interesting, knowledgeable speakers, including John Chrastka, founder of EveryLibrary.org, a national PAC advocating for public libraries.

## **LIBRARY BOARD COMMENTS:**

Chair Croteau asked about the upcoming Library Board of Trustee vacancies. Ms. Beverage reported that she has received reinstatement letters from three Board members.

Ms. Daugherty asked about the Used Book Sales revenue. Ms. Beverage reported that the Friends continue to bring in consistent revenue.

Mr. Miles asked if there was any update on the status of the Main Street branch being added to the Historical Register. Ms. Beverage replied that she has not heard anything yet. She reported that Beach Cities Interfaith Services will vacate the premises on Friday, March 29 and she will walk through with Public Works to determine renovation needs.

**STAFF COMMENTS:**

None.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair Croteau entertained a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Miles 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