

THE LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES MET IN REGULAR SESSION ON THE 28TH DAY OF JANUARY 2009 AT 6:30 P.M. AT CAMARENA MEMORIAL LIBRARY, 850 ENCINAS AVENUE, CALEXICO, CALIFORNIA. THE DATE, HOUR, AND PLACE DULY ESTABLISHED FOR HOLDING SUCH SAID MEETING.

CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order at 6:34 p.m. by Vice President Nuñez

ROLL CALL

Trustees present:

Margarita De Necochea
Norberto Nuñez
Gaspar Cuevas
Armida Romero
Jeannette Chew

Community Services Director:

Sandra Tauler

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Vice-President Nuñez.

APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

On motion by President De Necochea, seconded by Trustee Cuevas and passed unanimously, the agenda was approved as delivered.

CONSENT AGENDA

On motion by President De Necochea, seconded by Trustee Cuevas and passed unanimously, the following items listed on the consent agenda were approved: minutes for the special meeting held on December 3, 2008; ratification of purchase orders for the months of December 2008 and January 2009; ratification of demands for the months of December 2008 and January 2009; monthly

statistical report for the months of November and December 2008; Live Homework Help usage report for the months of November and December 2008.

SCHEDULE FOR BOARD EFFECTIVENESS TRAINING

Ms. Tauler explained to the Board that because they are members of CALTAC, California Association of Library Trustees and Commissioners, they are able to receive free training on what it means to be a on a Library Board and how you they can be an efficient Trustee. Ms. Tauler suggested that it would be a good idea to take advantage of this training since there are so many new trustees on the board. The last time this training was held, it was held on a Saturday morning. Ms. Tauler stated that the training could take place whenever they liked, but that Saturdays seemed to be the easiest and most convenient day, especially because the training is three hours long.

Vice President Nuñez asked if members from other Library Boards would be attending. Ms. Tauler said that she would ask the other Imperial Valley Libraries if their Board members were interested in attending the training.

The Board members decided to have the training some time in March and after checking their schedules, would get back to Ms. Tauler with an exact date.

2008-2009 BUDGET CUTS & FURLOUGHS

Ms. Tauler reported that the City is still working on ways to balance the budget. The City Council decided to cut every employee's work week by five hours. This decision was done in order to save \$250,000, leaving the budget short by one million dollars. The 35-hour work week was not implemented for Police and Fire. Layoffs will be discussed at the next City Council meeting.

Ms. Tauler also reported that the City adopted a 9/80 work schedule and will be closing every other Friday. In order to help the city cut costs, Ms. Tauler recommended that the Library close on Saturdays tied to the Fridays that the City is closed. On motion by Trustee Cuevas, seconded by President De Necochea, and passed unanimously, the Library will be closed every other Saturday.

CARNEGIE TECHNOLOGY CENTER BUDGET FOR FY 2008-2009

Ms. Tauler reported that she had proposed a Budget of \$70,000 in order to open the Carnegie Technology Center three days a week, for four hours a day. Ms. Tauler was only granted a \$45,000 budget which would come out of the Camarena

Library's existing funds. These funds are to come from the Public Library Fund grant monies that the Library receives. This grant is used to augment Library services and is usually used to pay for special events and books. Ms. Tauler explained that because of the Carnegie's small budget, the Carnegie will only open on Mondays, from 4-8 p.m. Ms. Tauler hopes to be able to open more days and hours in the new fiscal year.

Ms. Tauler stated that she is working on finding additional funding for the Carnegie and has asked the Calexico Redevelopment Agency for assistance in applying for grants. President De Necochea inquired whether the Library has ever applied for the Bill Gates grant. Ms. Tauler replied that the Camarena Library has indeed received computers twice through the Bill Gates grant.

Ms. Tauler reported that the Carnegie will soon be getting tables. The Carnegie Technology Committee donated money to purchase the tables. As soon as the Carnegie is able to open for more days, Ms. Tauler will work on getting a café in the Carnegie. Ms. Tauler reported that Mr. Herrera is still interested in having a digital museum downstairs, in the small space next to where the café will hopefully be.

On motion by Trustee Romero, seconded by Trustee Cuevas, and passed unanimously, the Carnegie Technology Center budget for the fiscal year 2008-2009 was approved.

RECOMMENDED LIBRARY SCHEDULE FOR 2009 HOLIDAYS

This item was tabled due to the new 9/80 schedule.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

- Ms. Tauler reported that she will try to keep everyone informed about all the changes going on in the City. Every week there seems to be something new. Ms. Tauler said that for now she will continue to offer all current services, but that the Library will eventually have to taper off some services. The Library cannot afford to keep up all services currently offered.

INFORMATION

Items included:

NEW BOOKLIST FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER &
DECEMBER

DECEMBER & JANUARY RIF FLYERS
ACTIVITY CALENDAR FOR THE MONTHS OF DECEMBER
& JANUARY

WITH NO FURTHER BUSINESS TO DISCUSS, THE MEETING WAS
ADJOURNED AT 7:26 P.M.

Next Regular Meeting will be WEDNESDAY, February 25, 2009