



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting

January 13, 2003

6:30 pm

Menlo Park Library

800 Alma St., Menlo Park, CA 94025

CALL TO ORDER – Chair Briski called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm.

ROLL CALL: Briski, Chair (P), Devine (P); McDonough (P); Nafria (P); Tedrow (P); Traum (P); Wellner de Veer (P)

Staff Present: Goode, PLS System Advisory Board; Holmer, Director of Library Services

A. PUBLIC COMMENTS: None

B. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Library – Holmer reported that the Library Budget Action Team had been working on proposals for revenue enhancement and cost reduction measures. Tedrow suggested that grants might be a method of raising some funds. He suggested that the Peninsula Community Foundation would be a good resource to contact.

Contacting state legislators regarding cuts in the state budget was also suggested. Friends of the Library – When the Antiquarian Archive Bookstore closed in December the Friends emptied the store of all remaining stock—approximately 20,000 books. They are working diligently at getting all of those volumes through the process of pricing since that many books makes a huge impact on their workspace.

PLS Advisory Board – Goode reported that the tri-system, PLS/SVLS/BALIS, dinner meeting will take place on April 9th and will feature lawyer Mary Minow who will be talking about the Patriot Act and its impact on privacy in the library. The Library Issues Breakfast is scheduled for May and further details will be coming soon.

C. BUSINESS ITEMS:

1. Minutes of the December 9 meeting were approved as written.

2. Nominations and election of chair and vice-chair

Arthur Traum was nominated to be Library Commission chair for 2003 and Anne Wellner de Veer was nominated as vice-chair. Both agreed to serve if elected.

MSP – to elect Arthur Traum as chair and Anne Wellner de Veer as vice-chair of the library commission for 2003.

D. INFORMATION ITEMS

1. Projects for the Menlo Park Library

a. Library Strategic Plan sub-committee –Wellner de Veer reported that the sub-committee will be meeting to review the initial list of names to invite to the focus groups. Wellner de Veer asked all commission members to send her additional names of community leaders who could be asked to attend. There will be a consultant involved in conducting some parts of the strategic plan especially the community focus groups. Nanfria suggested contacting SCORE to see if they had a member who might be interested in doing some of the work for free.

Anne shared the initial timeline she developed but suggested that it was just a draft and that dates would change based upon the availability of a consultant.

b. Library foundation subcommittee – Nanfria reported that she is hoping to attend the 2/6/03 meeting of the San Francisco Friends and Foundation. She has also spoken with Mary Jean Place who has been the leader in the establishment of a library foundation for Palo Alto. She is still working on finding additional members for her sub-committee and is planning to write a letter for the Op-Ed page of the Almanac describing the role of a library foundation.

2. Staff suggestions for budget reductions and revenue enhancement

Holmer shared the initial list developed by the Library Budget Action Team. Items on the list were discussed and commission members agreed to send in their own suggestions by the end of the week so they could be incorporated into the library's list. McDonough suggested that the Peninsula Library System might want to put information about the proposed state budget cuts to libraries on the PLS website.

E. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 7:50 pm.

Next meeting will take place on Monday February 10, 2002 at 6:30 pm.