



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, September 7, 2004
Los Altos Main Library
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, California 94022

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Thurber called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Present: Chairperson Thurber, and Commissioners Johnson, McNaulty Winkler and Dr. Takle Quinn

Absent: Commissioners Iskow and Gerich

Also Present: Community Librarian Cheryl Houts, County Librarian Melinda Cervantes and City Staff Liaison Donna Legge.

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON MOVED that the minutes of August 3, 2004 be approved as amended. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER TAKLE QUINN AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

Amendment to LALE Report – Commissioner Takle Quinn announced that LALE is continuing to move toward achieving their goals of gathering funds and educating the public, still in its development stage. ~~Individual members are making contributions. It was Commissioner Quinn recommended that the LALE Chair, Graham Wallace, be invited to a future Los Altos Library Commission meeting to share information and find out details on the status of the organization.~~

New Business – New Project Ideas #3 - ...the Commission Chair appointed Gerich to serve on task force with Takle Quinn as the alternate.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bob Clifford of Los Altos Hills addressed the commission regarding the reduced library hours that has led to Monday closures at all of the Santa Clara County libraries. County Librarian Melinda Cervantes responded and explained that this was mainly due to attrition. The County has experienced 24 retirements and has 17 vacancies and a \$1.1 million budget cut.

REPORTS

Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian

Cheryl announced upcoming September events and library attractions and shared various August activities. Cheryl announced that the Summer Reading Club had 87% of the 1,000 participants finish. The library had 1,542 visitors at the library during the community Picnic on August 29. The Peace Pole was dedicated during the day's activities. A Peace exhibit will be at the library until September 16. Three book discussions are planned for September, October and November.

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

Melinda announced that the Library JPA would meet on August 26 to discuss the reduced library hours that will be effective October 11 until the end of June. The County library was moved over the weekend to the new Los Gatos location. The next Silicon Valley Reads book will announced at the next meeting.

Friends of the Library

Cheryl spoke on behalf of the Friends. She announced that the next Used Book Sale would be held on September 10, 11 and 12. The Library will be receiving support from the friends for adult and children programs, bestseller contributions and a campaign donation of approximately \$10,000.

LALE

Commissioner Takle Quinn announced that LALE would be meeting on August 10. LALE will continue to work on goals and educate public. The Director has resigned and will be replaced.

BUSINESS

New Project Ideas

1. Commission Budget - it was recommended that the funds be used to have pictures made of the Commissioners to be hung in the library as well as send interested commissioners to the annual California Library Association Conference in San Jose, November 12 to 15. Staff will coordinate.
2. Future Endowment – Chair Thurber will invite LALE Board of Directors Chair Graham Wallace to the next meeting.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting will be held at the Woodland Library

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Donna Legge, Recreation Supervisor
Liaison to the Library Commission