



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, May 3, 2005
Los Altos Main Library
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 94022

ROLL CALL

Chairperson Gerich called the meeting to order at 5:36pm

Present: Chair Gerich, Commissioners Poulos, Thurber, Tucker and Dr. Takle Quinn
Johnson
Absent: Smith
Also Present: Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian; City Staff Liaison, Peggy Ford.

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER THURBER MOVED that the minutes of April 5, 2005 be approved with corrections. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY VICE CHAIR POULOS AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

REPORTS

Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian

The Los Altos library celebrated National Poetry Month with a children teens and young adult workshop on April 6th. A celebration for National Library Week took place with balloon and several programs to mark the occasion. Mother Goose stopped by for nursery rhymes, song and story time on April 15th. In addition there was a World Affairs Council discussion on April 19th. Many children's programs were provided during April as well as May.

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

At the April 28, 2005 meeting of the Library Joint Powers Authority, the Board unanimously accepted the FY 2005-06 Recommended Library Budget to cut library services, effective July 1, 2005. Their decision was based on a \$5.8 million budget shortfall due largely to the expiration of the benefit assessment tax. The Board will approve the Final Library budget at their next meeting on June 9, 2005. The outcome of the May 3, 2005 election may allow the Library to restore hours, collections and services. The Registrar of Voters reports that 72,000 ballots have been received with 180 ballots delivered in person the day of the election. Public and School Librarians and other library supporters met with every state legislator and/or their staff to discuss the proposed cuts to state funding for libraries.

LALE

With regard to the Whipple Estate: 1.6 million dollars has been turned over to LALE and 1.2 million to the JPA. LALE passed an endorsement for two library ballot issues.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The latest book sale brought in \$17,000.00.

BUSINESS

1. Volunteer Work / List of Items to Report on

City Liaison, Peggy Ford agreed to get in touch with Doug Riley of the City's maintenance department to look into use of volunteers from Foothill College's Horticultural program.

2. Woodland Library Update

City Liaison, Peggy Ford will enquire about an update from the City's Public Works Department.

3. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) Task Force

Meeting cancelled. Next meeting scheduled for May 12th.

4. Library Commission Funds

Commissioner Thurber agreed to bring in the original fundraising letter so that discussion could continue regarding use of funds.

5. Vice Chair Election

COMMISSIONER JOHNSON MOVED THAT Commissioner Poulos be nominated as vice chair. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER THURBER AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST.

There was discussion regarding a new wifi system to be installed at the Los Altos Library. An anonymous donor will install the system at no fee. Additionally, the donor has agreed to install wifi systems at all Santa Clara County Libraries at no fee. Details are still to be worked out.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Set June 7th Agenda

ADJOURNMENT - Meeting was adjourned at 6:30p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Peggy Ford, Recreation Supervisor
Liaison to the Library Commission