



LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES

Regular Meeting of Tuesday, January 3, 2006
Los Altos Main Library
13 South San Antonio Road, Los Altos, 94022

ROLL CALL

Vice Chair, Poulos called the meeting to order at 5:30pm

Present: Vice Chair Poulos, Commissioners, Tucker, Thurber, Smith, Johnson and Dr. Takle Quinn

Absent: Chair Gerich

Also Present: Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian; Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian; Gerry Dunckel, Friends of the Library President; Peggy Ford, City Staff Liaison

MINUTES

COMMISSIONER THURBER MOVED that the minutes of December 6, 2005 be approved. THE MOTION WAS SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER SMITH AND PASSED UNANIMOUSLY BY VOICE VOTE.

PUBLIC COMMENT

REPORTS

Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian

Cheryl Reported that the Los Altos Library received a grant given by the American Library Association to be put towards a five month series called: "Let's Talk About It: Jewish Literature". This series will take place from August through December, 2006. Cheryl also spoke about various ongoing programs at the Library as well as new teen activities taking place. In conjunction with Silicon Valley Reads, taking place in February, the Los Altos Library will also be hosting Julie Otsuka, author of When the Emperor Was Devine Friday, February 3, 2006 at 7:30p.m.

Melinda Cervantes, County Librarian

Melinda reported on the 2nd annual Friends and Commissioners Forum taking place on January 7, 2006. This forum focused on library advocacy, roles and responsibilities of Friends and Commissioners and community engagement. Silicon Valley Reads, which kicks off on February 1st

is an event involving authors, writing programs and book discussion groups throughout the Valley. The January meeting of the Santa Clara County Library Joint Powers Authority has been cancelled. The next meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 23, 2006 at 1:30p.m.at the Library Administration Offices. There will be a CALTAC Workshop February 25, 2006 at the Cupertino Community Hall from 9a.m.-1p.m.

Dr. Karen Takle Quinn, LALE

LALE is still working on the program for "Speaking Volumes". Things continue to move along smoothly.

Gerry Dunckel, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

Gerry reported that the next Friends of the Library Book sale is scheduled for January 27, 28 and 29, 2006. The Friends group is giving some thought to offering a two day holiday book sale as opposed to just one or adding a summer book sale to the schedule. This is something that will go before the Friends Board at the January 12 regular meeting. Gerry stated that if they can keep the books moving through by adding more book sales, it'll help with space demands. Gerry also reported on revenues that have come in and how much has been spent.

BUSINESS

Input on Task Force Ideas

Commissioners agreed that two task forces should be formed with a representation of commissioners for each task force. The task forces will look at capital as well as operation issues at the Los Altos Library. Commissioner Thurber has agreed to oversee the capital task force and Commissioner Tucker will take on the operation task force. Both will meet with Cheryl Houts, Community Librarian, to get background information prior to choosing direction as well as volunteers to assist with task force responsibilities.



CALTAC Training Discussion –Postponed

DISCUSSION AND ITEMS OF INTEREST

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Set February 7th Agenda

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

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