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OC PUBLIC LIBRARIES – LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD
MEETING OF THE FULL BOARD
THURSDAY MAY 9TH, 2013 – 4:00 P.M.

Tustin Library – Professional Training Room
345 E. Main Street
Tustin, CA 92780

MEMBERS PRESENT

OCPL – CITY REPRESENTATIVES

Christine Marick (Brea), Wendy Leece (Costa Mesa), Mariellen Yarc (Cypress), Cheryl Brothers (Fountain Valley), Tom Beamish (La Habra), Gerard Goedhart (La Palma, alternate), Andrew Blount (Laguna Hills), Laurie Davies (Laguna Niguel), Milt Robbins (Laguna Woods), Kathryn McCullough (Lake Forest), Richard Murphy (Los Alamitos, alternate), Jesse Petrilla (Rancho Santa Margarita, alternate), Lori Donchak (San Clemente), Roy Byrnes (San Juan Capistrano), Ellery Deaton (Seal Beach; also representing Seal Beach Friends of the Library), Rigoberto Ramirez (Stanton), Beckie Gomez (Tustin), Diana Carey (Westminster).

EX OFICIO REPRESENTATIVE

Leslie Keane (City Managers' Association).

OTHER ATTENDEES

COUNTY STAFF ATTENDING

Helen Fried (County Librarian), Paula Bruce (Assistant County Librarian), Andrea Cowell (Budget & Fiscal Services, OCCR/OCPL), Connie Chang (Budget Manager, OC Community Resources), Mercedes McCarthy (Asst. to the County Librarian, OCPL), Martin Gardner (Policy Advisor, Office Of Sup. Spitzer, 3rd District), Sergio Prince (Exec. Dir. Of Public Affairs, Office of Sup. Bates, 5th District)

GUESTS

Christopher McCullough; Cindy Duncan, Friends of the Westminster Library.

MEMBERS NOT ATTENDING

OCPL – CITY REPRESENTATIVES

William Phillips (Aliso Viejo), Bill Brough (Dana Point), Steve Jones (Garden Grove), Steven Choi (Irvine), Steve Dicterow (Laguna Beach), Greg Mills (Villa Park)

BOARD OF SUPERVISORS REPRESENTATIVES

Supervisor Todd Spitzer (OC Board of Supervisors, 3rd District), Supervisor Patricia Bates (OC Board of Supervisors, 5th District).



I. CALL TO ORDER AND INTRODUCTIONS

County Librarian Helen Fried called the meeting to order at 4:05 p.m. Members and other attendees introduced themselves.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 1ST, 2012 MEETING

It was moved (Donchak) and seconded (McCullough) to approve the minutes of the November 1st, 2012 LAB meeting; the motion was approved.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of new officers and committee selection

Helen Fried, acting in the absence of a Chair, opened the floor to nominations for Board officers. Kathryn McCullough nominated Beckie Gomez as Chair; the nomination was seconded by Laurie Davies and approved.

Kathryn McCullough nominated Cheryl Brothers as Vice Chair; the nomination was seconded by Lori Donchak and approved.

Kathryn McCullough nominated Tom Beamish as Secretary; the nomination was seconded by Wendy Leece and approved.

The Chair opened the floor to nominations for the Executive Committee. Kathryn McCullough, Wendy Leece, Laurie Davies, Richard Murphy, Steve Shanahan, and Mariellen Yarc were nominated for the Executive Committee. The nominations were approved by a majority of the members.

The Chair then opened the floor to nominations for the Executive Committee. The following members were nominated: Kathryn McCullough, Wendy Leece, Laurie Davies, Richard Murphy, Steve Shanahan (who was nominated in absentia by his alternate Gerard Goedhart), and Mariellen Yarc. It was moved, seconded and approved to appoint these members to the Executive Committee.

Kathryn McCullough moved, with Wendy Leece seconding, that these current members of the Executive Committee shall serve their term through the end of 2014. The motion was seconded and carried.

B. Reduce Quorum Limit

The floor was opened to discussion of the quorum limit as stated in the Bylaws. Cheryl Brothers moved to rewrite the bylaws to reduce the quorum to 1/3 of the 26 voting members, i.e. nine, plus one, which would total ten members. The motion was seconded by Wendy Leece. The motion was approved, with eleven members voting for approval; opposing were Tom Beamish, Lori Donchak, Rigoberto Ramirez, Christine Marick, and Beckie Gomez. However, this vote was not valid as the bylaws require a 2/3 majority (i.e. 20 members) of the entire board to approve a change to the bylaws.

C. (Agenda Item D) State of the Library Report

Helen Fried gave a brief recap of the PowerPoint report she presented at the January 2013 meeting. The complete PowerPoint presentation will be emailed to members.

D. (Agenda Item C) FY 2013-14 Budget

Andrea Cowell, Fiscal and Budget Manager for OC Public Libraries, gave a PowerPoint presentation review of the FY 2013-14 budget. Helen Fried offered to present in the future an orientation session for new members, covering the library budget and the functions of the Library Advisory Board.

E. Update on Friends' Bookstore License Agreement

Helen Fried described the recent developments in the finalization of the agreements. Eleven of the FOL groups have signed the agreements, but other groups have delayed signing, pending changes in the language.

BOARD COMMENTS

Cheryl Brothers pointed out that an orientation session that achieved a quorum would be considered a legal meeting.

Wendy Leece asked about mixed use libraries. Mrs. Fried described the OC Public Libraries' Ladera Ranch Library, which is a mixed-use library shared by the Ladera Ranch Elementary and Middle Schools.

Kathryn McCullough asked about the status of city libraries that had investigated outsourcing their operations to OC Public Libraries. Helen Fried explained that the two cities, Anaheim and Santa Ana, decided to retain management of their own libraries.

Andrew Blount alerted members that the Verizon navigation system will take you to 345 West Main Street which is a private house, rather than to the Tustin Library.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Cindy Duncan (Westminster Friends of the Library) asked when the Friends would receive the revised Bookstore License Agreement. Helen Fried explained that county staff had been meeting with Friends' groups to refine the wording, and the last of those meetings took place on Monday May 6th. County staff will be sending the revised version to all of the Friends' groups, after which it will go to the Board of Supervisors for approval.

ADJOURNMENT:

It was moved, seconded and approved to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 5:15 p.m.