



Sacramento Public Library Authority

ACTION SUMMARY

SACRAMENTO PUBLIC LIBRARY AUTHORITY BOARD

Thursday, August 22, 2013 – 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.
Board of Supervisors Chambers, 700 H Street
Sacramento, California

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1.0 Call to Order

In Attendance: Angelique Ashby, Eleanor Brown, Linda Budge, Steve Cohn, Gary Davis, Roberta MacGlashan, Kevin McCarty, Bonnie Pannell, Jay Schenirer, Phil Serna, Jeff Slowey, Robert Trigg and Jimmie Yee. Don Nottoli arrived after roll call. Barbara Payne was unable to attend the meeting.

Board Chair Serna declared a quorum and called the meeting to order at 3:01 p.m. Director Trigg led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2.0 Public Comment on Matters Not on the Agenda

Kathi Windheim of the Friends of the Sacramento Public Library introduced her guest, “Edgar Allan Poe,” to announce the Third Annual One Book Sacramento Dinner sponsored by the Friends. Fliers were distributed advertising the event, which will celebrate the works of Edgar Allan Poe and will be held from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. Oct. 25, 2013, at Elks Lodge No. 6, 6446 Riverside Blvd., Sacramento. Chair Serna thanked “Mr. Poe” for attending, as did Ms. Sass, who presented the author with a copy of “The Slender Poe.” The book, an anthology of Poe works with side notes by John Allen Cann, was produced on the Library’s I Street Press.

3.0 Closed Session – Pursuant to California Government Code Section 54957 for public employee performance evaluation: Library Director

The Board adjourned to closed session at 3:07 p.m.

Chair Serna reconvened the Board with a quorum in open session at 3:18 p.m. An after-closed session roll call was taken with all of the aforementioned in attendance.

There was no report from closed session.

4.0 Director’s Report

After referring the Board to her written report, Library Director Rivkah K. Sass made special note of the 2013 Sacramento Play Summit, which will be co-sponsored by the Library and Fairytale Town on Saturday, Sept. 7, in the Central Library Galleria. Among the special guests will be Barney Saltzberg, author and illustrator of nearly 40 books for children.

Ms. Sass reported that ScholarShare will sponsor the creation of more inviting early-literacy spaces in several libraries. She also encouraged everyone to go online and view SPL’s Virtual Library, which has been in place for six months and was one of the goals in the Library’s Strategic Plan. She said the

popularity of the Virtual Library shows that patrons want services available around the clock, but that rising attendance figures illustrate that people also want face-to-face interaction.

In a story of honesty and kindness from across the Pacific, Sass also related how a library book found its way to a train station in Japan and was returned to SPL by a kind soul who found it and mailed it back. The story captured people's interest and generated some positive press for the Library.

Information

- 5.0** Monthly Financial Report – May 2013
- 6.0** Monthly Financial Report – June 2013
- 7.0** Monthly Treasurer's Report – May 2013
- 8.0** Quarterly Investment Report – June 2013
- 9.0** Update on the Library's 2012-1015 Strategic Plan

The foregoing items were information only, and required no action by the Board.

Consent Items

The following items were approved with a single motion:

- 10.0** Action Summary – June 17, 2013
- 11.0** Authorize the Library Director to Make Minor Changes to Position Control
- 12.0** Disposition of Surplus Property Annual Report for FY 2012-13
- 13.0** Position Description Revision and Position Control Correction and Update
- 14.0** Gifts and Donations Report-May 1, 2013, through June 30, 2013
- 15.0** Approve a Change in the 2013 SPLAB Meeting Schedule and Establish a Revised Schedule
- 16.0** Suspend Competitive Bidding for Business Periodical and Directory Databases
- 17.0** Signature-Gathering and Petitions Policy and Procedure
- 18.0** Revised Rules of Conduct
- 19.0** Policy for Use of Library 3D Printer

Director Slowey moved to approve the Consent Calendar, but requested that Item 17.0 be withdrawn for discussion. Slowey asked Library Facilities Director Don Tucker to elaborate on the part of the policy that stipulates that libraries will accept petitioners and signature-gatherers on a "first-come, first-served basis," asking if there would be a limit on the number of people that would be allowed outside a library. Tucker said it is not the Library's intent to limit the number of petitioners as long as entrances and exits are not blocked.

Board Action: **Slowey/Budge** **Approved (14/0)**

Action Items

- 20.0** **Appoint two Sacramento City Council Members from SPLA Board to represent the Board in regard to 2014 Parcel Tax Initiative**

Director Cohn nominated Directors Schenirer and Ashby, noting that any Director would be permitted to attend any meeting, regardless of who was chosen to represent the Board.

Board Action: **Cohn/Ashby** **Approved (14/0)**

21.0 Chair’s Report

Chair Serna yielded the floor to Ms. Sass, who offered copies of “The Slender Poe” to all Directors and displayed items that had been made on the Library’s 3D Printer. She also asked Directors to participate the Raley’s/Bel Air Nickelaid promotion on Facebook. The company is donating a nickel for each time a customer uses a reusable bag, with the money going to a group selected by Facebook users. Urging everyone to cast their votes for SPL, Ms. Sass noted that there was a potential to raise \$100,000 for the Library’s summer reading programs.

22.0. Reports, Ideas and Questions from Board Members

Director MacGlashan asked Ms. Sass to tell the Board about the grand reopening of the newly renovated Rio Linda Library. Ms. Sass said the celebration is scheduled for Sept. 21 and promised more details in the future. Director Gary Davis told how the city of Elk Grove had partnered with investors and the Friends of the Library to raise money for iPads. Ms. Sass noted that both Director Davis and Chair Serna had served as Storytime readers at branch libraries and invited any interested Board members to do the same.

16.0 Adjournment

This meeting of the Sacramento Public Library Authority Board was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Rivkah K. Sass
Secretary to the Board

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