

**WOODLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes, June 9, 2011**

Present: Alain Traig, Bud Goding, Jorel Difuntorum, Kay Hodges

Staff: Heather Muller, Sue Bigelow

The Library Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Welcome Visitors

Alain welcomed Diane Adams, Bobby Harris, Jaye Shupin and Councilmember Tom Stallard.

II. Public Comment:

Jaye Shupin, Toy Coordinator for the Woodland Toy Library, reviewed the Toy Library's partnership proposal to the Woodland Public Library (WPL). The Library staff is working with Jaye to help the Toy Library in any way they can; however, providing space for the Toy Library on WPL premises is not possible at this time.

Councilmember Tom Stallard outlined for the Board his library-related experience and emphasized his commitment to maintaining the WPL. He discussed the budget challenges facing the City of Woodland and possible measures being considered to address them. He solicited feedback from the Board on their expectations from him and the City Council. The Board shared with him that their primary concern is how to obtain a stable funding source for the library. The Board expressed their appreciation to Councilmember Stallard for his support and for his taking the time to meet with them.

III. Review of Agenda

The agenda was accepted as submitted.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made by Jorel and seconded by Bud, the minutes of the May 12, 2011 meeting were approved.

V. Communications: See Directors' Report below.

VI. Old Business

A. Literacy Coordinator Position Update (Meeting with City staff on 6/13)

Heather will be meeting with City Manager Mark Deven, Kim McKinney from Finance, and Amy Buck, from Human Resources

to review and hopefully finalize a provision for this position that provides for a “sliding FTE based on funding.

B. Budget Update

Heather reported that the Governor’s “May Revision” of the State budget restores \$15.2 million in library funding; unfortunately, even with this restoration, library funding by the State is only half of last year’s amount.

The City’s budget proposal, which is available on-line, does include restoring the Children’s Librarian position. The final budget will be presented to the City Council on June 21<sup>st</sup>.

Heather reported that it is necessary to replace the license for one of the checkout machines, which will cost approximately \$3,000. The machine itself is fairly outdated so the Board encouraged Heather to replace the actual machine at the same time.

VII. New Business

A. NorthNet/Mountain Valley Update

The Mountain Valley Library System is changing their delivery service provider from Sprint to BeavEx, effective July 1, 2011, based upon significant cost savings. Heather is requesting a change in the delivery schedule for WPL.

There is serious concern that NorthNet may have to close down if the final level of State funding is insufficient to support its operation. The implications of this situation are currently under discussion.

VIII. Reports

A. Director

Literacy Coordinator Sue Bigelow presented a very positive report including the following:

- WPL’s Literacy Service’s Strength Through Education Program (STEP) in conjunction with the Yolo Wayfarer Center proudly announced that the residents of the program took first place in the group category at the Davis Arts Center’s annual NAMI Sunflower contest.
- The recent Employment Literacy Workshops conducted by WPL’s Literacy Service were very successful. As a result of a \$2000 grant from Woodland Sunrise Rotary, the Library has purchase 3 full-sized laptop computers and softwear and

is setting up a computer lab specifically oriented to the job seeker.

- There are 103 literacy programs in the state and Sue was one of 16 program coordinators recently selected to participate in a budget advisory committee.

Heather reported that BookFLIX, an online literacy resource that pairs classic video storybooks with related non-fiction e-books, is up and running. In addition, three new databases provided by EBSCOhost are now available; these include MasterFILE Premier, Points of View Reference Center, and Legal Information Reference Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:25 pm  
The next meeting will be June 30, 2011  
Minutes prepared by Kay Hodges