

**WOODLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Minutes, December 12, 2012

Present: Alain Traig, Bud Goding, Tom Pavao Kathy Harryman,

Staff: Greta Galindo

Guests: Paul Navazio, City Manager

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 pm.

I. Welcome Visitors

Bobby Harris, member of the public arrived around 6:00 a.m.

II. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

III. Approval of Agenda

The present agenda was approved.

IV. Minutes

The minutes of the November meeting were reviewed. They were accepted as written.

V. Communications

A. Emily MacDonald has officially resigned because of her recent move to Sacramento. Alain has already contacted the city to begin the process of filling her appointment. Greta received a \$15,500 donation. Alain will write a Thank you note to Evelyn Davis for her generous donation to the Library. The money will be placed in reserve until a major project occurs.

VI. Continued business

A. Trees in the courtyard – The City Arborist has looked at the trees in the courtyard. His time line to cut the tree down is one year. The Rose Club will fund the replacement tree; one that is more appropriate to the area

B. Funding for the Library – We are working with the city to provide a stable stream of funding for the Library. Alain and Bud discussed past ballot measures, especially the proposal to increase the sales tax when proposition “V” sunsets. It needs a 2/3 majority to pass. It had been decided to put it off until 2014. City Manager Paul Navazio discussed city funding issues and projects that with the current tax collections we should be ok for the next few years. He has met with Greta and asked her to prioritize for incremental funding and resources for the Library’s most pressing needs.

C. Management of Behavior Issues in the Library – Kathy brought up the homeless issue in the Library. She was pleased to see the rules posted in the fireplace area. She shared that some individuals had complained to her about the cluster of individuals who sit on the steps during the warm weather. It makes is difficult to use the railing to climb up the stairs. It is also intimidating for some of our patrons. She also said that she has asked 2 individuals to stop smoking and pointed out that the entire block is considered a park. She requested that the signs be closer to the front entrance steps. Greta is aware of the issue and is looking at ways to change the environment and make the library a place to study, rather than a place to ‘hang out’. She also has talked to the City Chief of Police and has found that Woodland does not have a “No Loitering Policy.”

D. Magazine Subscription Donations – Kathy shared the program that was in effect at the Library in the 80’s. Families would adopt a magazine and pay the subscription rate for a year. It is considered a donation. Greta was familiar with the program and will work on the particulars.

VIII. Reports

A. Director – Greta spoke about the concept of ‘e cards’ that would give access to the internet. An ‘e card’ would also allow the user access to other libraries in the system.

B. Board

1. Council Meeting Attendance: none
2. Individual Board Reports: none

IX. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 6:45 PM

Next Meeting: Wednesday, January 16, 3:00 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Kathy Harryman, Temporary Secretary