



NATIONAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Regular Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees

Minutes

November 6, 2019

CALL TO ORDER

The regular meeting of the Library Board of Trustees of the National City Public Library was called to order by President Godshalk at 5:00 p.m. on November 6, 2019.

ROLL CALL

BOARD OF TRUSTEES PRESENT: Margaret Godshalk, President
Ray Juarez, Vice-President
Sherry Gogue, Trustee
Bradley Bang, Trustee
Cheryl Howrey-Colmenero, Alternate Trustee

STAFF PRESENT: Minh Duong, City Librarian

PUBLIC: Members of the public
Steve Hicks
Rocio Hicks
Mary Mayor Oaks
Pat Bradley
Michael Brandt
Tony Villafranca
John Moore
Joan Rincon

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Agenda

Motion to approve the agenda
Motion: Gogue / Second: Juarez
Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

2. Approval of the Minutes of October 2, 2019 Meeting

Motion to approve the Minutes of October 2, 2019 Meeting
Motion: Gogue / Second: Juarez
Vote: Ayes: 4 Nays: BB
Motion carried.

3. Approval of Library Warrants

Motion to approve the Library Warrants
Motion: Gogue / Second: Juarez
Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4. **Library Board Regular Monthly Meeting Date Change Request – Update** (Trustee Bang)

For the time being, no change to the meeting date.

5. **Children Story Time Programming at the Library.** (See list of story time programs attached.)

After reviewing the children story time program report submitted by the City Librarian, President Godshalk asked if any board members wanted to make recommendations for titles to be read at the story time program reiterating that they have to be children appropriate.

Trustee Bang requested the City Librarian to keep a list of what kind of stories are being read to children at story times. Trustee Bang expressed that Santa Christmas story time is Christian oriented and there are people who would object to it. He made a motion for the City Librarian to keep and present to the Board a list of future story time readings.

Trustee Gogue enquired about the purpose of keeping that list and whether the Library had received complaints from library patrons or parents. Trustee Gogue expressed that it is the Librarian's job to vet the kind of readings, not the Board's job.

Motion to have the City Librarian maintain a list of titles read to children at story times.

Motion: Bang / Second: none

Motion died for lack of a second.

6. **Ad Hoc Committee to Develop a Policy for the Local History – Discussion.** (Trustee Bang)

As a thorough needs assessment has been done in January by a consultant for the Local History Room, Trustee Bang acknowledged that the newspapers microfilm collection digitization should move forward at this time but also suggested to start looking at the report and identify other additional priorities to pursue either now or at a later date.

President Godshalk enquired if any member of the Board is interested in serving at the Ad Hoc Committee. Trustee Gogue responded that she is not at the moment. Trustee Bang reiterated his interest in serving on the Ad Hoc Committee.

CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

1. **Booktacular Event** held Thursday, October 31st to celebrate Halloween with free book giveaways for children and parents attracted over 700 people to the Library. With the help of over 20 volunteers, additional fun activities that were organized to spice up the Halloween book giveaway, such as face painting and the Halloween maze, were the hits of the event.

OTHER REPORTS – Friends of the Library – Margaret Godshalk

The Friends will have 2 or 3 Christmas baskets for raffle at the Neighborhood Council Breakfast, to be held December 14th at MLK, to raise funds for the Library. The Friends made \$50 for the Chili.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Motion made to move up Public Comments on the agenda

Motion: Bang / Second: Juarez.

Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0

Motion carried.

2 minutes per speaker

* 9 members of the public expressed opposition to bringing the Drag Queen Story Hour to the National City Public Library citing main reason as protecting and not causing children psychological harm over gender confusion; opposition not a religious thing or due to intolerance from a small group of people;

commending the Board for last month's decision; and urging the Board to seek public input when considering presentations significant to public controversies.

BOARD TRUSTEE COMMENTS/COMMUNICATION

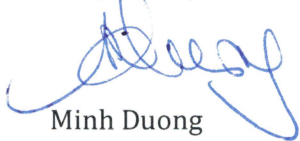
- Trustee Juarez appreciated hearing the comments from the public. Fourth Maytime Band Parade this weekend, honoring our veterans.
- Trustee Gogue – still in need of volunteers to help out at the Maytime Band Parade.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn meeting: Gogue / Bang, 5-0.

Meeting adjourned at 6:18 p.m. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, December 11, 2019 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Minh Duong
City Librarian