



NATIONAL CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY

Special Meeting of the Library Board of Trustees

Minutes

January 8, 2020

CALL TO ORDER

The special meeting of the Library Board of Trustees of the National City Public Library was called to order by President Godshalk at 5:30 p.m. on January 8, 2020.

ROLL CALL

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

STAFF PRESENT: Minh Duong, City Librarian

PUBLIC: Steve Hicks
Rocio Hicks
Andres Wong
John Moore
Consuelo Mayas
Georgia Torrence

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. Approval of Agenda
2. Approval of the Minutes of the Meeting of December 11, 2019
3. Approval to accept an augmentation of \$28,880 to the California Library Literacy Services (CLLS) Grant for the National City Library's Literacy Program, increasing the total grant amount from \$18,000 to \$46,880 for fiscal year 2019-20.
4. Approval of Library Warrants
Motion to approve the Consent Calendar
Motion: Bang / Second: Gogue
Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried.

NEW AND UNFINISHED BUSINESS

CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

1. **Furlough Closure.** No incident or issue during closure. The Library re-opened on January 6, 2020.
2. **New Board Member Appointments.** The City Council appointed Alternate Trustee Howrey-Colmenero as (regular) Library Trustee and Coyote Moon as the new Alternate Trustee on December 17, 2019.
3. **New Assistant City Manager** Tony Winney joined the City Manager's Office January 6, 2020.

OTHER REPORTS – Friends of the Library – Margaret Godshalk

Trustee Gogue generously donated a raffle basket to support the Friends' Christmas raffle. The Friends had in total 4 baskets to raffle and made over \$200 at the December's Neighborhood Council Breakfast.

PUBLIC COMMENTS AND COMMUNICATION

Joan Rincon – Objected to a public member taking photos of speaker slips.

Public Comments (3 minutes)

Georgia Torrence – Resident of National City, mother of 5 children; uses the library a lot; opposes the Drag Queen Story Time.

Rocio Hicks – Aware of somebody trying to make the Drag Queen Story Hour (DQSH) happen in our library; telling her family today she resents having to come down here and having to do this but it's her duty as a citizen of National City to make sure our values continue to be something we promote in our life; thanked the Board for all you do for the Library.

Consuelo Mayas – Resident of National City, takes children to the library and opposes the DQSH.

John Moore – Resident of San Diego; enquired when the next vacancy on the Trustee Board will come up.

Andreas Wong – representing the Catholic families; request to make sure that the library has no sexual explicit books for kids and to continue with the cultural tradition of Christmas; enquired about the vacancy on the Trustee Board if it still open, what are the qualification requirements and application date.

Steve Hicks – Hate group in Alabama called The Southern Poverty Law Center smear Jews, Muslims, and Christians, attack immigrants, smear Mass Resistance and Ruth Institute because we are pro-family; we have our eyes on those people who spent vast sums of money to promote the Sexual Revolution and trying to manipulate the government behind and against the vast majority of people.

BOARD TRUSTEE COMMENTS/COMMUNICATION

- Trustee Bang -
 - Does the Library have a loan grace period policy for library materials? Trustee Bang had a book due January 6th. Since the Library and the book drop were closed during furlough, he did not have the option to return it before the due date and was not able to return it on the day the Library reopened. Trustee Bang suggested the Library to consider allowing a loan grace period for library materials lent out.
Motion to put the item of grace loan period policy on the agenda at the next board meeting for discussion and consideration.
Motion: Bang / Second: Juarez
Vote: Ayes: 5 Nays: 0
Motion carried.
 - Reiterated the reason he brought up the matter of the Drag Queen Story Hour was because there was 22 trans-genders killed last year and countless people committing suicide

because they chose to live their gender choice and the way the society treats people like that; and because the Library is a good place to have this discussion on the DQSH and the issues that are brought up there. He listened to all who expressed and feel strongly about their opinions even though he doesn't agree. By having this more civil discussion, we're listening to what's pushing the other side's opinion and can get a better understanding and agreement on what would be the course forward.

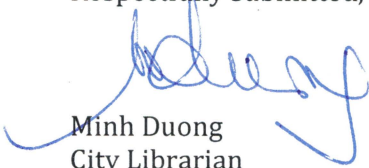
- Trustee Juarez thanked all the members of the community who have come out to attend the Library Board meeting and share their comments.
- President Godshalk congratulated Trustee Howrey-Colmenero and Alternate Trustee Moon on their appointment to the Library Board.

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 p.m. The next Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, February 5, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Minh Duong
City Librarian