

LIBRARY COMMISSION MINUTES
Regular Meeting
July 6, 2009

Call to Order:

The meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. by Commission Chair Blakeslee.

Present:

Commission Chair Blakeslee, Commissioners Jackson, Ryan, Sessarego, Zahedani, Hindmarsh.

Absent

Commissioner Holderness.

Approval of Minutes

3. a. Commissioner Jackson moved to approve the minutes of May 4, 2009, as written. Motion carried.

AYES: Commissioners: Jackson, Ryan, Sessarego, Zahedani, Hindmarsh, Blakeslee

NOES: Commissioners: None

ABSENT Commissioners: Holderness

ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

Business from the Floor

None.

Reports and Presentations

5. a. Summer Reading Program

Library Director Curl gave a PowerPoint presentation highlighting events at both libraries for the 2009 Summer Reading Program.

New Business

6.a. Friends Wish List 2009/2010

Library Director Curl presented the staff report explaining that the wish list for 2009/2010 focuses on expenses that are known, such as Brainfuse, (Out-of-School-Time Online Homework Help), the Summer Reading Program, Senior First Fridays, and Volunteer Recognition. Funding for other programs will be asked for on an as needed basis.

Library Director Curl responded to questions from the Commission.

6.b. Folsom Library Commission Meeting Schedule

Library Director Curl presented the staff report explaining that during this time of reduced staffing, hours and resources there has been less time available to explore items that would engage the commission such as strategic planning, marketing, and updating policies. There are still many areas in which the library would like to engage the commission in planning and soliciting input; however, the time between meetings is rarely enough turn around time for follow-up on covered items, or to come up with new items for the commissions review. In addition, 20-30 hours of work spread across various staff members goes into each commission meeting.

Library staff recommends that the Folsom Library Commission consider meeting bi-monthly for fiscal year 2009-10. The suggested schedule would hopefully give staff the necessary planning time to prepare for each meeting.

Commissioner Ryan stated that she supports the recommendation and sees this as a good opportunity for the Commission to get involved in community outreach. Perhaps each Commissioner could attend a city event to promote the library. Commissioner Ryan also suggested maybe each commissioner could choose a month and come into the library on any day and talk with library customers and survey what their feelings are about library services.

Library Director Curl suggested possibly forming sub-committees to plan out some of these ideas.

Commission Chair Blakeslee concurred that this would allow the Commission to become more proactive in the community promoting the library.

Commission Chair Blakeslee reminded the Commission that this is an item up for discussion and approval. He stated that he feels he would like to have the Commission give it a little more thought before going forward with a recommendation and bring it back this discussion back at the next meeting when the entire Commission body will be present.

Commission Chair Blakeslee moved to postpone the August meeting depending on agenda criteria that develops through the month of July, should there be enough we make the decision to have one should we not that will give us plenty of time to explore other

options of how to better utilize our time and we'll convene in September and readdress item 6.b. Folsom Library Commission Meeting Schedule.

AYES: Commissioners: Jackson, Ryan, Sessarego, Zahedani, Hindmarsh,
Blakeslee
NOES: Commissioners: None
ABSENT Commissioners: Holderness
ABSTAIN: Commissioners: None

Old Business

7.a. Target Early Childhood Reading Grant

Library Director Curl presented the staff report and thanked Commissioners Holderness and Hindmarsh for their assistance.

7.b. Café Update

Katy presented the staff report and responded to questions by the Commission.

8. Library Director's Report

Library Director Curl provided the following report and responded to questions from the Library Commission.

- Youth Services Librarian Recruitment
- Library Emergency Plan
- Update on Email Notices
- Delivery Schedule
- One Book Sacramento
- Playaways
- Upcoming Library Programs in Adult, Children's and Teen

Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Ryan commented on what a wonderful Summer Reading Program we offer and she shared some personal stories about her children's involvement.

Commissioner Jackson commented on an article about the library in a recent edition of the Folsom Telegraph that placed emphasis and motivation to make the library a place to go and a place to be.

Commissioner Jackson left at 7:50 pm

Commissioner Sessarego asked about teen programs, the library has many wonderful children's and adult programs are we lighter in teen programming.

Library Director Curl responded that yes we are lighter in teen programming, it is a tough age to reach. We do have a teen council that helps with ideas for teen programs. We did have 3 main programs for teens this summer, silk screening, a teen game night, and the graffiti window painting at the SRP kick-off party. Both of our locations are considering a teen book club. It takes some work to develop teen programs, we have been without a Youth Services Librarian for a while, and hopefully we will have new idea over the coming year.

Commission Chair Blakeslee commented on the new Commissioner name badges, hopefully we will get a lot of use out them. Excited about finding a way to get out into the community.

Meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Janet Robinson, Senior Office Assistant

