



**Minutes of the
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, JULY 11, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order by Board President Atkin at 6:05pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Catherine Atkin, President
Nancy Lewis, Vice President
Michael Hartigan, Board Member
Gail Wetzork, Board Member
Suzanne Whyte, Board Member

Staff: Jane Chisaki, Library Director
Christina Baines, Recording Secretary

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, AGENDA (Public Comment)

None.

CONSENT CALENDAR

An asterisk indicates items so enacted or adopted on the Consent Calendar.

- * A. Report from the Library Director Highlighting Activities for the Months of May and June 2012.
- *B. Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board Meeting of May 9, 2012.
- *C. Library Services Report for the Month of April and May 2012
- *D. Financial Report Reflecting FY12 Expenditures by Fund for May and June 2012.
- *E. Bills for Ratification for the Months of May and June 2012.

Members of the Board expressed concern with the downward trend in numbers on the services report. A request was made by the Board to have a three to five-year report which would reflect a year-to-year comparison of the trends.

President Atkin shared the notes of the Foundation's retreat she and the Library Director attended; indicated the retreat was successful and worthwhile. Library Director reported that some or all of the Board may wish to attend the California Library Association conference this fall in San Jose.

Board Member Hartigan moved approval of the minutes; Board Member Wetzork seconded the motion and it carried with a 5-0 voice vote.

Board Member Wetzork left at 7:00pm.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Library Strategic Plan/Update (J. Chisaki)

The Board accepted the Library Director's report on the Library Strategic Plan Update – Goals #4 and 5.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Bay Farm Island Library sign (J. Chisaki)

Director Chisaki shared a photo of the Bay Farm Island Branch Library sign without the dot on the "I"; it was determined that it is fine without the dot.

B. Alameda Free Library Foundation (J. Chisaki)

Director Chisaki reported that the Foundation is in the planning stages for their Live@The Library concert series

C. Friends of the Alameda Free Library (J. Chisaki)

Director Chisaki reported that the Friends have more books than they can fit on the café sale shelves, so they are going try to have a Weekend Book Sale in the Stafford meeting room the weekend of August 17.

D. Patron Suggestions: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA GENERAL

None.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

President Atkin mentioned she did enjoy the Foundation retreat.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

Director Chisaki shared with the Board the plan to host Miniature Golf at the Library as part of the 130th Anniversary Party.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS NON-AGENDA GENERAL:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Atkin adjourned the meeting at 7:43pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Chisaki
Library Director
Secretary to the Library Board

The agenda for this meeting was posted in accordance with the Sunshine Ordinance.