



**Minutes of the
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12, 2012**

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order by Board President Atkin at 6:00pm.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Catherine Atkin, President
Nancy Lewis, Vice President
Arrived at 6:03
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 July and August 2012.

B. Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board Meeting of July 11, 2012. Board Member Hartigan requested minutes of July 11, 2012 reflect his request to have spreadsheet detailing in graph a number of years to track numbers and identify the various trends in circulations.

*C. Library Services Report for the Month of June and July 2012

The circulations trends requested by Board Member Hartigan were presented by Director Chisaki in three different formats, covering three fiscal years. Board Member Hartigan indicated he felt the graphs were helpful and would provide the Board with ammunition for discussions in the future. After a brief discussion by the board, the report was accepted with a request by Member Hartigan to bring the information again back in a year with the branches separated.

*D. Financial Report Reflecting FY12 Expenditures by Fund for July and August 2012.

*E. Bills for Ratification for the Months of July and August 2012.

Board Member Hartigan moved approval of the Consent Calendar.

Vice President Lewis seconded the motion, which carried by the unanimous voice vote -5.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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

The Board accepted the Library Director's report on the Library Strategic Plan Update – Goals #1 and #12.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Election of Board Officers (J. Chisaki). Board Member Hartigan nominated President Atkin as President and President Atkin nominated Vice President Lewis as Vice President. Board Member Hartigan made a motion to accept current officers for another term. Board Member Wetzork seconded the motion. President Atkin called for the question, which carried by the unanimous voice vote – 5.

B. Alameda Free Library Foundation (J. Chisaki)

Foundation is busy working on the upcoming concert starring Kenny Washington, tickets are available. The second concert is Jonathan Poretz. And, Paula West is the last concert.

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

Friends have a couple of book sales coming up; they are still looking for a representative for the Board.

D. Patron Suggestions: None

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA GENERAL

President Atkin's daughter showed the Board a picture she drew during the Board meeting.

BOARD COMMUNICATIONS:

Board Member Wetzork said he was thrilled to see the huge number of children and their parents at the summer reading program and complimented staff on their efforts in making it a success program.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS:

It appears that the program for the CLA does not have anything on it that the Board would be interested in, so Director Chisaki indicated she would just report back.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS NON-AGENDA GENERAL:

None.

ADJOURNMENT

President Atkin adjourned the meeting at 7:03pm

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Chisaki
Library Director
Secretary to the Library Board

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