

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REDWOOD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY
January 13, 2009**

Trustees Present: R. Madrigal, Z. Sweeney, A. Schernig, S. Levin

PLS Advisory Board member: C. Hopf-Lovette

Staff present: Director D. Genesy and Administrative Services S. Gregorio

CALL TO ORDER

Trustee Madrigal called the meeting to order at 7:05 pm in Small Meeting Room of the Main Library.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

SEIU Steward M. Spore-Alhadeef voiced staff concerns regarding the current economy.

MINUTES MOTION

On the motion by Trustee Levin, seconded by Trustee Sweeney, the Board unanimously approved the amended minutes of December 9, 2008.

WARRANTS MOTION

On the motion by Trustee Sweeney, seconded by Trustee Schernig, the Board unanimously approved the payment of warrants #6823 to #6876 and the payment of usual and necessary invoices through December 31, 2008.

EXPENDITURE REPORT

Director Genesy reviewed the November expenditure report with the Board. Midyear budget amendments, which include the \$850,000 Redwood Shores opening day collection donation and various Project Read grants, will be going to Council this month. When approved and posted the library expenditure report will reflect an appropriately spent budget.

LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT

Director Genesy reviewed the December monthly report with the Board. Director Genesy mentioned that successful and well-attended events need to have more staff support. Board member Sweeney suggested choosing a more interesting title for the One Book, One Community program. The full report is posted on the library's website at:
<http://rcpldirector.wordpress.com/>

PLS BUDGET OVERVIEW

Director Genesy reviewed the 08-09 PLS budget in detail. A discussion ensued on the benefits and constraints of being a member of the PLS consortium.

LIBRARY STRATEGIC PLAN DISCUSSION

Director Genesy asked for Board input on how the library should proceed with the current and expired 2006-2008 strategic plan. He explained that the City is currently creating a city-wide strategic plan and it may alter all department's plans. He recommended that our current plan be extended to 2009-2011. Library staff will update the strategic plan ensuring that all goals are updated, measurable and will include all applicable City Council priorities. The Board approved this approach.

COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

After reviewing all customer feedback forms, the Board suggested converting one of the meeting rooms at the Redwood Shores Branch Library into a quiet reading room. Director Genesy will look into this request.

AGENDA BUILDING/UPCOMING EVENTS/MATTERS OF BOARD INTEREST

- The February Library Board meeting will be held at the Fair Oaks Branch.
- A CALTAC workshop for Library Leadership was announced for Saturday, February 28, 2009 at the San Francisco Public Library.

ADJOURNMENT MOTION

There being no further business or announcement, the meeting was adjourned at 8:00 p.m. to January 13, 2009 at 7:00 pm in the Fair Oaks Branch Library.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alex Schernig, Secretary

DG: SG 2/2/2009