

**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
REDWOOD CITY PUBLIC LIBRARY  
May 12, 2009**

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

Staff present: Library Director D. Genesy, Division Manager M. Kramer, Youth Services Supervisor C. Ashton, and Administrative Assistant S. Gregorio.

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**CALL TO ORDER**

Trustee Madrigal called the meeting to order at 7:04pm in the Small Meeting Room of the Downtown Library.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

SEIU Representative Spore-Alhadeef reported that bargaining groups reached an agreement that will freeze salaries in the upcoming fiscal year. She again urged management to use funds only on those things essential to the core services of the Library.

**MINUTES MOTION**

On the motion by Trustee Levin, seconded by Trustee Schernig, the Board unanimously approved the minutes of April 14, 2009.

**WARRANTS MOTION**

On the motion by Trustee Schernig, seconded by Trustee Levin, the Board unanimously approved the payment of warrants # 7094 to #7162 and the payment of usual and necessary invoices through April 30, 2009.

**EXPENDITURE REPORT**

Director Genesy reviewed the March expenditure report with the Board. Due to vacancy savings we are under spent in our personnel budget and slightly over spent in our non-personnel budget. We are anticipating coming in close to budget.

**LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S MONTHLY REPORT**

Director Genesy reviewed the April monthly report with the Board. Highlights include: a very successful PACT program; a license agreement has been accepted by City Council for Fresh and Natural Food Service Group to run the Redwood Shores Branch café; visitors to our libraries are up 20%.

**BUDGET UPDATE**

The projected deficit continues to grow as our property tax and sales tax continues to decline. Council has approved funding 33 percent of this deficit from reserves. All city staff agreed to a one year salary freeze which has resulted in \$1.3 million reduction in FY 09/10 General Fund deficit (\$4.5M over two years). Departments have submitted

\$4.2 million in reductions that will be in the City Manager's recommended budget to City Council.

**LETTER TO LEGISLATORS –STATE BUDGET**

Trustee Madrigal read a letter to the Board which will be sent to Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger on behalf of the Board. There is a possibility that the Governor's office and Legislature may attempt to "borrow" local property tax revenues as a means of addressing the State's budget crisis, which would have a devastating effect on local services, including public library services. The Library Board is urging Governor not to borrow local property tax revenues.

**YOUTH SERVICES STRATEGIC PLAN**

Youth Services Supervisor, Chuck Ashton, presented the youth services strategic plan for 2009-2012. Some goals include: assisting all children to become school ready by developing a love of reading; actively supporting the efforts of students K -12; and providing efficient programs and services. A discussion took place addressing what the Library can do to stay ahead of the curve with limited resources. The Board thanked Chuck for his time.

**COMMUNITY FEEDBACK/ AGENDA BUILDING/ UPCOMING EVENTS/ MATTERS OF BOARD INTEREST**

**ADJOURNMENT MOTION**

There being no further business or announcement, the meeting was adjourned at 8:35p.m.to June 9, 2009 at 7:00pm in the Small Meeting Room of the Downtown Library.

Respectfully Submitted,



Alex Schernig, Secretary

DG: SG 5/28/09