



"Gather, Learn and Celebrate!"

**Minutes  
Regular Meeting  
Board of Library Trustees**

**Monday, January 11, 2016  
6:00 P.M.**

**Library 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor Conference Room  
275 Main Street, Watsonville**

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**1.0 Roll Call**

Members present: Banales, Danna, Espinoza, Hoffman, Morales, Sanchez and Tapiz.

Staff members present: Carol Heitzig, Library Director and Luz Martinez, Executive Assistant

**2.0 Approval of Minutes**

Trustee Danna moved for approval of minutes; seconded by Trustee Espinoza.

Minutes of November 16, 2015 were approved as written with 6 Ayes.

**3.0 Emergency Additions to Agenda**

No additions at this time

**4.0 Communications**

**4.1 Communications from the Public or Trustees**

Trustee Sanchez announced the construction of a new Alternative High School which should be complete by April.

Trustee Sanchez went to the Morgan Hill library. He found that most of the events are similar to those at our library. They did have "Clothes Swap" event he found very interesting where community members use the library to swap clothes.

Trustee Morales announced she might not be able to attend next month's meeting.

**4.2 Oral Communications from the Library Director**

We are now off furlough; most of the staff is back to 40 hours (*few have chosen to take volunteer time off*). Freedom is now open on Mondays and the public is pleased.

We are currently working on the mid-budget review.

We just finished the recruitment for a halftime librarian in the children's department. There were

a lot of good candidates to establish an eligible list if another position becomes available in the future.

#### **4.2.1 Comment Form Review**

No comments were submitted this month.

### **5.0 New Business**

#### **5.1 Library Financing Authority Agreement – Attachment 1**

The Library Financing Authority Agreement will be on the January 26<sup>th</sup> City Council meeting agenda for approval. The portion of the agreement that pertains to Watsonville is the distribution of funds. Santa Cruz County, Santa Cruz City, Capitola and Scotts Valley have signed the agreement. Watsonville will probably also sign the agreement or lose a significant portion of funding.

The agreement states that Watsonville will have a 20 year payback as the other libraries feel Watsonville has been overpaid. When the agreement was signed 16 years ago Watsonville agreed to give a maintenance effort of \$541,000 while other jurisdictions decided to give a percentage of their property taxes; at the time the amounts were equivalent. As property taxes rose throughout the county, the amount received by Watsonville seemed excessive to some. In the new proposed agreement Watsonville's portion of the property tax will be reduced by 5.5 percent beginning in 2021. They will continue to receive the same percentage of the sales tax revenue.

The reduction will not significantly affect the library until the fifth year of the agreement. The Library Director briefly explained a few cost saving options such as requesting more money from the general fund, reduction in hourly staff, less programs and grants.

The Financing Authority is meeting on January 27, 2016.

### **6.0 Programming Updates**

#### **6.1 January Programs**

- **STEAM Program** - STEAM (*Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, Math*) an ongoing program for children 8-12, every Wednesdays, from 3:00-5:00pm. Participants will learn about and make electronic creations from Little Bit kits with the help of staff from the Environmental Science workshop.
- **Chinese New Year** – Storytime and craft, Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.
- **Conversation Club** – *Let's Talk* is a new club where participants can practice their language skills (*Spanish or English*). The club will meet the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month from 4:00-5:00pm beginning on Tuesday, February 9<sup>th</sup>.

## **7.0 Reports**

### **7.1 Friends' of the Library**

#### **7.1.1 Annual Meeting**

The City Manager, Charles Montoya will be the guest speaker for the Friends annual meeting on Saturday, January 30<sup>th</sup>.

## **8.0 Adjournment**

**7:00 pm**