

**Minutes of the Meeting of the
Sausalito Public Library Board of Trustees
December 16, 2008**

The meeting was called to order at 9:00am by President Stroman. Members De Luca and Kaltreider and Alternate Berkowitz were present.

Minutes- The Minutes of the November 13, 2008 meeting were approved as corrected.

Library Operations

Claims- The December Claims were reviewed and accepted.

Librarian's Report- The written report was reviewed and accepted. The Librarian noted that the Council doesn't anticipate filling the vacant Board positions until February/March 2009.

Trustee Business

Library Behavior Policy- The Board approved an amended version of the Behavior Regulations that changes the wording from "seeing-eye dogs" to "service animals". The Regulations will be posted on the bulletin board in the Library and possibly the Library web page as well.

Library / Board Goals (2008-09): Grants update

- President Stroman announced the success of a partnership between the Sausalito Historical Society and the Sausalito Library Foundation to fund the digitization of Sausalito newspapers from 1885-1922. Each organization has contributed \$10,000 (total \$20,000) toward this project which will enable online access to a particular issue by date, or to perform a keyword search for a particular topic. It is hoped that with the successful completion of this pilot partnership effort, other community organizations, businesses, and individuals will form additional partnerships to fund similar projects for newspapers from more recent years.
Work on this project, which is beginning in December 2008, is being undertaken by the California Digital Newspaper Collection (CDNC) at the University of California, Riverside. Their website, cdnc.ucr.edu can be accessed to try out keyword searches for several old California newspapers that are already online. The output from the work on the Sausalito newspaper - which should take about 6 months to a year- is expected to come in three batches.
- Children's Specialist- The Librarian suggested a grant subcommittee from the Board (Kaltreider and DeLuca) speak with a prospective candidate for the position (to be funded by the Sausalito Library Foundation) since she'll be in town over the holidays.

The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 am.

Next meeting – January 6 (Tuesday) at 9:00 am in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Richardson
City Librarian