

Minutes of the Board Meeting of the Sausalito Public Library Board of Trustees

March 11, 2004

The regular meeting of the Sausalito Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by President Geisler at 6:30 p.m. on March 11, 2004. Members Bair, Follett, Porter and Whittaker were present.

KT Kalbfleisch, Friends' President, and Council Member Ron Albert were also present.

Minutes

The Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as corrected.

Claims

The Claims were reviewed and accepted.

Librarian's Report

The City Librarian announced that the Joint Trustees and Commissioners meeting sponsored by the Marin County Library will be held on May 5, 2004 from 7:00-8:30 at the Mill Valley Library. All of the Board said they plan to attend.

Business

Centennial Fund Committee Report-The City Librarian reported that the work of the committee is rapidly moving forward. By its next meeting on March 17 they should be prepared to approach prospective donors and receive donations. There was discussion about potential donors wanting assurance - before they make a donation- that the fundraising would not displace the responsibility of the City for the Library's budget and that once the crisis is over they could expect the City to restore the full operating budget of the Library. Another concern expressed by potential donors was that the Library's budget not be reduced more than other departments simply because it had an outside funding source. Council Member Albert said he would contact the Mayor and City Manager about this and hopes to get a statement from the Council that covers these issues around fundraising for any department that has fundraising activities so that potential donors will not be discouraged from donating. Council Member Albert informed the Board that there would be a public budget workshop in April and that this would be an opportunity for public input into budget priorities.

Library Space Improvements- The Board unanimously approved an expenditure from the Library Building Fund for up to \$150,000 to paint, carpet, install shelf bracing and new light fixtures. As of June 30, 2004 there was a \$280,000 balance in the Building Fund (a fund limited to capital improvements in the Library). The new colors were also approved.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:00 pm

Next Board meeting – April 8, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

Mary Richardson, City Librarian