Minutes of the
ALAMEDA FREE LIBRARY BOARD
June 8, 2005

The regular meeting of the Alameda Free Library Board was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

ROLL CALL

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| Present: | Leslie Krongold, President<br>Ruth Belikove, Vice President<br>Karen Butter, Board Member<br>Mark Schoenrock, Board Member<br>Alan Mitchell, Board Member |
| Staff: | Library Director Susan Hardie, Secretary<br>Jenna Gaber, Recording Secretary |

CONSENT CALENDAR

Board member Butter MOVED approval of the Consent Calendar. Board member Mitchell SECONDED the motion which CARRIED by a unanimous voice vote.

An asterisk indicates items so enacted and adopted on the Consent Calendar.

A. *Report from Library Director highlighting Library Department activities for the month of June 2005. Accepted.

B. *Draft Minutes of the Regular Library Board meeting of May 11, 2005. Approved.

C. *Library Services Report for the month of April 2005. Accepted.

D. *Report from Finance Department reflecting FY 200-05 Library expenditures (by fund) through May 05. Accepted.

F. *Bills for ratification. Approved.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. None.

NEW BUSINESS

A. Public Art – Resolution to Council

*WHEREAS, the Library Art and Recognition Committee conducted a public RFQ process to secure the services of a professional art consultant, and an RFP process to solicit proposals from artists to create art at the new Main Library; and*

*WHEREAS, a committee of local artists and art lovers worked with the art consultant to review artist submissions and to interview finalists, selecting Masayuki Nagase to provide a work of art titled "Cadence of the Water", a series of eight limestone medallions to be installed on the exterior of the new Main Library along Lincoln Avenue and Times Way; and*

*WHEREAS the Public Art Advisory Committee and the Recreation and Parks Commission have both approved "Cadence of the Water"; and*

*WHEREAS the Friends of the Library provided the initial funding for the art consultant and also, together with the Alameda Free Library Foundation, have guaranteed $75,000 toward the cost of "Cadence of the Water";*

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of the Alameda Free Library that the Board does hereby recommend to the Mayor and Council of the City of Alameda that the City enter into an agreement with Masayuki Nagase for the fabrication and installation of "Cadence of the Water".*

There was a brief discussion regarding the original cost of the medallions. There will be a small increase of $2,500 to cover the rising cost of materials.

Board member Butter MOVED to recommend adoption of the Public Art Resolution to the City Council. Board member Mitchell SECONDED the motion which CARRIED by a unanimous voice vote.

B. Alameda Free Library Foundation (R. Belikove)

Vice President Belikove reported that Circulation Supervisor Laura Chaquette gave a nice library report at the last Foundation meeting. The fundraiser will be demonstrating to the members how to make successful donation calls. New board members were nominated at the last meeting.

C. Friends of the Alameda Free Library (M. Skeen)

Molly Skeen reported that the Friends donated $750.00 to the Literacy Program for their 20th Anniversary celebration. Supervising Librarian Jane Chisaki requested funding for the Summer Reading Program. The book sale will be held on June 24, 25 and 26 at the "O" Club. The Friends next meeting will be on June 20 and they will not meet during July and August. The Friends are putting together a questionnaire for new volunteers.

D. Library Building Watch (L. Krongold)

President Krongold stated that the Library Building Watch newsletter will be out next week.

E. Patron suggestions/comments (Speak-Outs) and Library Director's response.

Library Director Hardie read 1 input/feedback form regarding: Please purchase the series *Sue Barton, Staff Nurse* by Helen Boylsten.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS, NON-AGENDA (Public Comment)

Marc Lambert informed the Board that President Krongold has signed up to be a Literacy tutor.

LIBRARY BOARD COMMUNICATIONS

Board member Butter commented that the amendment to the contract from CMM is confusing. Library Director Hardie stated the amendment deals with the cost of the Library move that was not budgeted for previously.

Vice President Belikove complimented Literacy Coordinator Jordona Elderts for the 20th anniversary celebration that she attended. She handed out an article regarding a Chicago library. In their efforts to improve security over the Internet, they are now asking for patron's fingerprints to access the Internet.

Vice President Belikove asked the Library Director what the new Library Logo looks like. Library Director Hardie stated that the thinking logo was selected. There are three designs for the new library cards, and the order has been placed and should be in anytime.

Board member Butter asked Library Director Hardie if the library has purchased "Overdrive". Library Director Hardie answered in the affirmative and stated that it will be available to patrons very shortly.

There was a brief discussion about a recent article in the paper about City Council wanting to combine departments within the City.

Board member Butter asked about the new Horizon system and how long it will take to have every function operable. Library Director Hardie stated that staff has concerns about how the library statistics are coming in. Dynix has not been able to get the email notification working. She will keep the Board updated.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Library Director Hardie stated that the Summer Reading Program will begin on June 18th. The City Council adopted the general fund budget. The Council did not pass the *Donor Recognition and Named Gifts Policy*. Council expressed concerns about what the plaques would look like on all the library furnishings. They do not want the library to have a "cluttered" look. Library Director Hardie stated that there will be a committee meeting next week and they will come back with some changes to the policy.

ADJOURNMENT

Board member Mitchell MOVED to adjourn the meeting of the Library Board at 7:48 p.m. Vice President Belikove SECONDED the motion which CARRIED by a unanimous voice vote.

Respectfully submitted,

Susan Hardie, Secretary