

**WOODLAND PUBLIC LIBRARY  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Minutes, December 9, 2010**

Present: Alain Traig, Tom Pavao, Jorel Difuntorum, Bud Goding,  
Kay Hodges

Staff: Heather Muller

The Library Board of Trustees meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m.

I. Welcome Visitors

Alain welcomed Diane Adams, Bobby Harris and representatives of the At Home in Woodland home schooling group including Caryn Stapp, Sabrina Granados and Leo Granados-Versalio

II. Public Comment

On behalf of At Home in Woodland, Ms. Stapp expressed concerns about the Leake Center no longer being available to the public. In the past, the home schooling group used the room for numerous cultural events, seminars and parties. Ms. Stapp specifically requested that the Board consider allowing the group to use the room on Tuesday, December 14, 2010 for their holiday party and also to consider reopening the room to the public on an ongoing basis. She also volunteered the services of the group to assist in the logistics of reopening the room to the public. Mr. Granados-Versalio read a statement outlining the group's concerns and requests, a copy of which is attached to these minutes. (Attachment 1; Attachment 2 other emails from this group.)

The Board discussed this issue and, upon motion made by Bud and seconded by Tom, agreed (with one abstention) that due to the short notice plus concern about exceptions to current policy, the room would not be made available to the group for their December 14 gathering.

The Board is concerned about this issue and wishes to explore possible courses of action to reopen the Leake Center. Therefore, public use of the Leake Center will be an agenda item for the Board's next meeting.

III. Review of Agenda

Upon motion made by Jorel and seconded by Bud, the agenda was approved.

IV. Approval of Minutes

Upon motion made by Bud and seconded by Tom, the minutes of the November 18, 2010 meeting were approved.

V. Communications

Heather reported that the State Library had announced an LSTA grant cycle. A request was submitted by the Woodland Public Library for notebook computers for use in job literacy programs. A phone interview with the State Library regarding this request is scheduled for December 20, 2010.

Heather is following up with City Manager Mark Deven and the city attorney on the possibility that there may be justification for filing a claim for the damage recently inflicted upon the bookdrop.

In response to a request from City Manager Mark Deven, Heather is providing historical documentation and policy information regarding the imposition of indirect charges by the City against the Library's Fund 917..

## VI Old Business

### A. Front Door Update

By the end of the year or shortly thereafter, the new front door will be installed.

### B. Staff Hiring/Promotion updates

The Children's Librarian position requisition has been approved and will be posted from January 3 through January 21, 2011.

### C. Library Special District Exploration

The Board discussed the need for more public policy research on this subject.

## VII. New Business

### A. Book Plates

It was agreed to go ahead with placing bookplates in new books acknowledging the contribution of Woodland's citizens to the Library through passage of Measures S & V; wording for the bookplates was agreed upon.

## VIII. Reports

### A. Director

Heather reported that the new phone system is working well and voicemail has been added to the reference desk. Bookdrop and delivery coverage during the week before Christmas will be covered by Heather and a combination of part-time temporary LTAs and pages. The Mid-Management contract has been finalized and does contain furloughs. The QuestionPoint service

is now live and the Daily Democrat ran an extensive article about this service.

(1) Council meeting attendance: Alain and Heather attended the December 7, 2010 meeting where Measure E reallocation was discussed. The reallocation option adopted will have no impact on Measure E funds designated for the library.

(2) Individual Board reports: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:35 pm.

The next meeting will be January 13, 2011

Minutes prepared by Kay Hodges

Attachment 1  
Statement from Leo Grandos-Gersalia

Dear Board Members: Hi, my name is Leo Granados- Gersalia. I have been homeschooled off and on for the past seven years, and plan to continue to be homeschooled in Woodland until I graduate from high school. We belong to several homeschool groups in the area, as well as our local homeschool group, At Home in Woodland. Because there was a near 17% high school drop out rate in 2005 in Woodland, homeschooling is growing in this community all the time. (Woodland district's drop-out rate in 2008-09, is at 12.7%, [http://www.dailydemocrat.com/news/ci\\_16815161](http://www.dailydemocrat.com/news/ci_16815161)) Homeschooling in this area was a lot easier for our homeschool groups to work together in a common environment, when the Leake Room was available at the Woodland Library. Many of us homeschoolers have used the Leake Room in the past for different events such as a Science Fair, plays and concerts and other activities. My mom has used the room for us to make valentines for the Valentine's for Veterans project. We hand delivered the homemade valentines to the veterans who were in the veteran's hospital, to thank them for their service and sacrifice to our country. We have always tried to follow all the rules and regulations set by the library, and tried to leave the room in a better shape than we had found it in. To the best of my knowledge, no one in our group has ever been banned from using it again. Since the Leake Room has been closed, we have tried to find other places to hold our events and classes without much luck. The Woodland Community and Senior Center should really be renamed to the Woodland Business and Senior Center, as it is priced out of the range of most the people in the community it serves. When we investigated the use of one of the rooms, we found the smallest room that holds 50 people cost \$50.00 an hour, with a minimum of two hours, a \$200 deposit and liability insurance. We checked into a using the room under a non-profit status which our homeschool group has in connection with Mindful Education. The cost would be \$30 an hour with the same use requirements, deposit, and insurance. As most homeschool families are usually single income families, this is not affordable to any of us. With the 2006 median income in Woodland listed just over \$50,000 a year, and almost 12% of Woodland's population annual incomes were below the poverty line, including 14% of those under age 18, it would be hard to believe that these rooms are affordable to most people living here in Woodland. We have checked into other places with event rooms, and they too, are out of our price range or not feasible for our group size or activities. We have heard many reasons why they closed the Leake Room. One included the cost of the librarian that needed to open and close the room and dump the trash. Our group is more than willing to help out the library anyway it can, including paying the hour's wage of the librarian, dumping the trash, or volunteering to do work in for the library in exchange for the use of the Leake Room. Please work with us so that we have this room to meet the needs of the Woodland homeschool community. As you will see, it would be a mutual benefit for our group and the library to work together. Since this is a

Carnegie library, I would like to leave you with part of the speech that Andrew Carnegie gave in his dedication of one of the Carnegie Libraries: "..The man who enters a library is in the best society this world affords; the good and the great welcome him, surround him, and humbly ask to be allowed to become his servants; and if he himself, from his own earnings, contributes to its support, he is more of a man than before." Thank you for your time and consideration. Leo Granados-Gersalia 14 year old Woodland Homeschooler

Attachment 2  
Emails regarding meeting room

From: webmaster  
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2010 2:22 PM  
Subject: Contact Us By Department Form Submission

This email was submitted via the Contact Us form on the City of Woodland website:

Area: Library  
First Name: Catherine  
Last Name: Bratton  
Email: fourdogpac@pacbell.net  
Phone: 530-400-8280  
Comments: Please make the Leake Room available for use. It has a large impact on the homeschoolers in Woodland. I'm sure others will benefit too.

From: webmaster  
Sent: Thursday, December 09, 2010 9:15 AM  
Subject: Contact Us By Department Form Submission

This email was submitted via the Contact Us form on the City of Woodland website:

Area: Library  
First Name: Kelly  
Last Name: Lee  
Email: kpwl@sbcglobal.net  
Phone: 530-312-1714  
Comments: Please open the Leake Room to public use. As a homeschooling family in Woodland we use the library quite a bit and especially have enjoyed homeschool activities such as choir performances, craft days, etc. in the Leake Room. This year we are unable to enjoy a Christmas event as we have no location large enough to host our group. Our family voted for the local tax to keep the library open, yet are not enjoying the full benefits the library has to offer. Thank you for your consideration. Sincerely, Kelly & David Lee, parents of Iain and Wyatt