

MINUTES, MEETING OF AUGUST 19, 2015

Board Members: Diane Adams, Karen Shepard, Kathy Harryman, Edgar Lampkin, and Gloria Rodriguez
Library Director: Greta Galindo

The meeting was called to order at 4:04 p.m. by Kathy Harryman, President.

1. Visitors – Retha Robertson, Friends of the Library; Abigail Craig, Children’s Librarian
2. Minutes – The minutes for June 3, 2015 were approved.

3. Public Comment –

Retha reported that the Friends of the Library will have two great fundraising opportunities. They will have a booth at the Sacramento Antiquarian Book Fair on Sat. Sept. 12 and they will also be at the Crawfish and Catfish Festival on Sat. Sept. 12 and Sun. Sept. 13. At the Festival they will run the crawfish races with the help of the Woodland Library’s teen volunteers. The National Friends of the Library Week is October 18 – 24. There will be activities for the FOL members during that week. On Oct. 22 the Thursday Author Event will feature local author Karen Levy.

4. Presentations –

a. Summer Reading Program 2015, “Every Hero Has a Story”

Abigail provided an overview of the very successful summer activities that included the Kickoff, Tuesday Events, Children Events and the Teen Challenge Based Program. Over 40 teens came to the end of the summer reading costume party and had a chance to dunk the Mayor, the Library Director and the Teen Librarian. A combined total of teen summer reading and volunteer hours was over 500 hours.

b. New Children and Teen Programming

“Storytime” will be supported with the “Very Ready Reader” program that provides materials, literacy tips, and take home ideas. Families will also be making book bags and punch cards for free books.

“Homework Help” will begin on Sept. 8th and will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 4:30 – 5:30 in the Leake Room. Teen and adult volunteers are needed to help elementary school age students with homework.

“Technology for Kids” will be a new program offering computer classes for 4th – 6th graders. There will be a coding class using the online program “Scratch,” that will be taught with the support of UC Davis students.

On Sept. 14th the “Minecraft Club” will be available for 8 to 12 year olds from 3:30 – 4:30 in the Leake Room.

The “After School Program” is from Tuesday through Thursday in the Children’s Room for children ages 5 – 12 years old from 3:30 – 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays will be outside large motor skill activities. Wednesdays will be crafts and Thursdays will be a building day. Outreach for these programs has begun with teachers at various schools.

Teens from the WPL Teen Program will be volunteering in Homework Help, Friends of the Library fundraisers and book shelving. There is a new section for the Teen Center in the mezzanine floor of the library.

5. New Business –

Greta presented the MOU between the WPL and the Yolo Farm to Fork. This program will develop an edible garden in the courtyard that will be integrated with the reading programs for children and youth. The Board members who attended the American Library Association Conference in San Francisco in June gave a report of the conference and their workshops, which they found very well organized and informative.

Greta presented the FY15 2014 – 2015 4th quarter Statistical Report. There will be school visits to inform them about the library and library card applications. Library card applications will be offered to 1st and 3rd grade students. Elementary schools, especially those that are geographically close to walk, will be encouraged to visit and tour the library.

6. Old Business -

A motion to approve the subcommittee for the Rose Box Public Art Project was passed. A motion to approve the changes in the Woodland Public Library Circulation Policy was passed.

7. Reports

a. Director

Measure E – All stakeholders and focus groups have been completed. Consults will be doing report. Over 100 online surveys were completed. Architect will be on board in the fall.

Measure J – Desks have arrived. Teen area is near complete. Measure J supports the new library programs, which includes the teen program.

Carol Davis, Adult Services Librarian, and Abigail Craig, Children's Librarian, will be attending the International Book Fair in Guadalajara, Mexico. It is held from Nov. 29 – Dec. 6. Greta is working on the question about the \$10,000 contribution with the City. Greta and Karen have also been in communication with the State Library concerning the 917 funds.

b. Board Reports –

Kathy reported that two glass display cases that the Historical Woodland Railroad Depot can be donated to the Woodland Public Library. Board agreed to accept and see if it could be used in the Community Learning Lab. Diane reported that Patty Wong, librarian for the Yolo County Library, is a candidate for treasurer of the American Library Association for 2016 – 2019. Karen reported that the Woodland Literacy Council's President, Julie Gallelo, resigned because she has accepted the position of executive director for First 5 Sacramento. Rosalinda Martinez accepted to be the Woodland Literacy Council President for the next six months.

8. The BOT agreed to change the meetings back to the first and third Wednesdays of the month. Meetings will start at 4:00 p.m.

8. Adjournment – Meeting adjourned at 6:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Gloria Ulloa Rodriguez, Secretary/VP

Next regular meeting is Wednesday, September 2, 2015.