

Library Board

MINUTES – February 27, 2019

The Inglewood Library Board met on February 27, 2019 at the Gladys Waddingham Lecture Hall. The meeting was called to order at 6:39 p.m. by Vice Chairman Julie Minton.

Roll Call

Present:

Julie Minton – District 1 Board Member, Vice Chairman
Ernesto Castillo – District 3 Board Member
Jacqueline Cochran – District 4 Board Member

Absent Board Member:

Patt Sanders – At Large Board Member, Chairman
Pat Douglas – District 2 Board Member

Staff:

Frances Tracht – Library Manager
Brenda Davis – Management Assistant
Irina Martirosian – Staff Assistant

Absent Staff:

Sabrina Barnes – Parks, Recreation and Community Services Director

Approval of the Minutes

Board Member Cochran made a motion for the approval of the minutes for November 28, 2018; Board Member Castillo seconded the motion. Minutes were approved as follows:

Ayes: Library Board Members Cochran, Castillo and Minton
Nays: None

Public Comments

Gregory Mason asked when the City will hire a Library Director. Ms. Tracht told him that the City will be meeting next month to review the budget.

Library Report

Frances Tracht gave verbal reports on the following items:

- Main and Crenshaw Imperial Branch Library had various programs in February:
 - Adult Book Club on February 13, 2019

- Book signing by Local Author Larry Pye on February 16, 2019
- Black History Month Programs on February 13, 2019
- A Celebration of Jazz History on February 23, 2019
- Storytime for toddlers and babies on February 8, 2019
- Movies for Black History Month for Children's and Adult on February 26, 2019
- Book signing by author Tanae Denean Eskridge and a program "My First Tie" on February 23, 2019
- Management Assistant Brenda Davis explained the City's insurance policy regarding programming.
- The Library is hoping to hire retired State Librarian Suzanne Flint to conduct a customer service workshop for Library staff, on April 10th. The workshop will include how to deal problem patrons and the homeless situation.
- The Technology Committee has completed inventory of all technology in the library. Not everything the Library has is provided by the City. Many items are obtained through the State grants and other programs.
- The Website Committee continues to work on Library Web page.
- The Library staff is going over Library Policies.
- The City is not sure when new carpeting will be installed. The building will have to be closed when the work begins.
- Library Manager went to a Disaster Planning Meeting at the County Emergency Response Center on February 21, 2019. She plans to meet with the Risk Management staff and also the Emergency Security Division to discuss disaster planning for the Library. She discussed freezing wet books as a way to save them and also the possibility of the Library being the gathering place during disasters.
- Library Manager Tracht discussed books damaged on the third floor of the Main Library's due to the recent rains.
- Associate librarian Tommy Bui resigned. The position has been posted for adult services.

Friends Report

Susan Carleo, President, Friends of Inglewood Public Library, announced the Spring Book Sale will be Saturday, March 16, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The collection includes fiction, classics, literature, spiritual and religious, biography, history, cookbooks, science, etc. They also received couple of large book donations. The proceeds of the book sales go to Library programs. Board member Minton asked if they need volunteers to assist with the book sale. Carleo said, "yes", and gave them a schedule.

Public Comments

None

Commissioner Comments

Board Member Cochran stated that the Library page in the Inglewood magazine was beautiful.

With no further comments the meeting was adjourned at 7:24 p.m.