

Vista Grande Public Library Board Meeting Minutes

August 16, 2005

In Attendance: Todd Handy; Jack Abernethy; Lynne Moore; Steven Rosenthal; Irene Jackson; Diane Gulseth; Pete Forbes; Tom Johnson; Doug Fairfield; Amber Haskell; Joanna Romero, and Susan Sheldon, Library Director, with new employee Luisa Efner.

The meeting was called to order at 7:00. The first business was to introduce and thank Denise Michelson and her children, Abby and Josh King, for their help in the Library. They are leaving town and will be missed.

Next a motion was made and seconded to approve the July minutes (Tom/Jack).

Librarian's Report

Susan began by introducing Luisa Efner, who had just been hired for the temporary volunteer-coordinator position. It is hoped we'll get the SF Community Foundation grant and keep her on in the future. Susan also announced that Janice Weisberg, a former math teacher from S.C., was hired for the children's-services position and will start next week. She further reported that every one of the new computers is in use every day; that the children's reading program will be implemented after Labor Day; that the book-sale shelf has brought in \$700~800 and that there will be a big sale in November, and thanks to Todd for sorting through and disposing of old computer equipment.

Treasurer's Report

In addition to Steve's handout, he reported that Jack Sullivan said that he has money he wants to donate to VGPL for "something tangible." Steven hopes to find out details of what that means. The current account balance is \$118,296, about \$3,700 less than at this time last year.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Executive

Diane announced that she had met with Susan re. review and pay raise, and that the Exec. Cte. had voted to give her a \$1-per-hour raise and increase her weekly hours to 40 from 32.

She then reported on her research into procedures for requesting inclusion in the ECIA annual budget, which must be done by September 2. She and Steven will work on that, and will ask for funds to defray some of the cost of the Library Director's salary. Members may have to appear at the budget hearing, and it might be wise to get a petition of support going. It was also suggested we make a similar request to the other subdivisions on the 285 corridor.

Development

Lynne announced she is working on the fall appeal letter to be included with the water bill. She is also working on ideas for an autumn fundraiser. In October she has planned a lunch/brunch for local officials so they can get to know VGPL and us face-t-face. She requested that all board members attend, and to let her know if you will be away in October. Her spring offensive will probably be a walkathon on May 6. She hopes to get underwriters for t-shirts and water bottles.

Re. the ICSocial, as of yesterday there are 330 items. Help in setting up is needed on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Amber showed the postcards made by Olympia Funding. A discussion about handing out the discount cards ensued. It was decided to do so as it can only benefit VGPL.

Facilities

Jack's report [see handout] discussed a source for flag-pole lights; the ongoing school-path saga, which may get finalized with the new principal; heating and a/c, which has a problem, and maintenance, especially floor maintenance: Jack spoke with the firm that polishes the floors —

similar to ours--at DeVargas Mall, and he will get an estimate to see what it would cost us to use that company.

Program

Doug began by thanking Amber for the Olympia postcard, than reported that there had been five people at Ellen Hutchins's pet seminar on July 21. Still nothing is on tap for August, and the September Ken Simonson presentation is now called "The Plight of the African Elephant in Zimbabwe."

Community Relations

Irene reported the PR focus is on the ICS, and all is going according to plan.

Information Systems

Todd's report [see handout] included an update on the computers' viability; that Follett is now accessible on our Web site for patrons; that La Canada will work on additional wiring in the Children's Room, and that Amber's contact, Jamie, has worked out very well. Next, with GO Bond money, he'd like to get a new phone system and a projector. He concluded by saying he'll probably have to miss the next several meetings but will be available via email.

Old Business

A revised schedule for ICS ticket sales was distributed.

New Business

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Jackson