

Vista Grande Public Library Board Meeting September 21, 2004

In Attendance: Diane Gulseth; Steven Rosenthal; Jack Abernethy; Irene Jackson, and Susan Sheldon, Library Director.

Because of the number of members unable to attend, there was no quorum and thus no official minutes will be issued. What follows is an outline of the informal discussions that took place.

1/ Susan reported that La Cañada hooked up the library computers to the high-speed T-1 line, which makes access to the Internet much less frustrating for patrons. However, somehow the network printer went off-line during the work. The person who knows how this works is away so Susan will try to find someone to help.

She also reported that when the a/c and heating company came for their regular maintenance, they found serious damage wrought by mice and other rodents, including chewed wiring and insulation. It is urgent that repairs be made before winter.

Finally, Susan said that in November, there is a new bond issue on the ballot. This could result in VGPL getting about \$36k next year.

2/ Steve reported that the auction and the raffle/entry monies resulted in a profit for the ICS of about \$17K. The VGPL account balance is currently close to \$133K.

The EDU letter has gone out, and he showed us copies of it and the new return envelope. A discussion followed about getting on the ECIA's budget, and it was suggested we try to get someone from the ECIA finance committee to meet with the board. (Former VGPL board member Dan Drobnis is currently the treasurer for ECIA.)

A critique of the volunteer situation ensued: we need new volunteers and we need volunteers capable of doing the work. Steve proposed we institute training classes before anyone can work at VGPL. Then Susan can be freed to do administrative work.

3/ Jack reported that a letter was sent to the school district about the path between the school and the library, and he will mark the proposed route with paint. He will also caulk the entry way to try to prevent leaks. Jacks will be away until October 22, and upon his return, he'll create a library calendar with dates of all important annual events related to upkeep of the building, i.e. septic draining, taxes, etc.

Respectfully submitted,
Irene Jackson