

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2023, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD MEETING ROOM
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:40 p.m. by Chair. Joe Neuhardt. Members present were an Ms. Margaret Lirones, Ms. Wilma Humason, and Ms. Anne Sutton. Absent was Ms. Linda Mackey. Library staff present were Natalie R. Rencher – Library Director.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved with corrections.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

N/A

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Mobile Library Update –Staff is in the process of confirming regularly scheduled “recurring” stops with community agencies throughout the county. Once confirmed the schedule will be shared. The first outreach event for the KIMBL is Saturday, April 22nd – Kids Day. Kids Day is a family-friendly event held in honor of Child Abuse Prevention Month.

2023-2024 Budget – Capital Projects – Both Hanford and Lemoore infrastructure projects has been re-submitted as county capital projects. As staff proceeds with the budget process, future updates will be shared.

Library Impact Fees – The county is in the process of updating its impact fees in which the library department is apart. The impact fee justification study requires an inventory of existing facilities. The library as collected the needed data and sent if over to County Administration.

Personnel Update – Librarian recruitment -The oral board for Librarian I/II -Youth Services was held today. Once the library department receive the list of candidates the library will schedule the department interviews which may be in early March. Staff development – Staff is busying taking the county required disaster preparedness training called Incident Command Systems courses which a total of three courses. Each course is about three hours each.

Program Updates – The library is waiting re: funding from the National Endowment of the Humanities, Big Read community program and the California State Library Lunch @ the Library program. Ms. Wilma Humason inquired about the Braille Talking Books program. Library staff will follow-up with the California State Library and provide an update at the next meeting.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

Bylaws – The LAB continued to discuss the revision of the bylaws. The revised draft has been sent to County Counsel for review. County Counsel will be invited to attend a LAB meeting in the future for assistance and guidance.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

N/A

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

Ms. Wilma Humason provided an update of the February FOL meeting. The next FOL meeting is Thursday, March 9th, at 11:00 a.m. at the Hanford Branch Library, Meeting Room.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

Chair. Joe Neuhardt presented his resignation, effective Thursday, February 16th. The Clerk of the Board will be notified to post the vacancy recruitment.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be held on March 16, 2023, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned at 5:00 p.m. by Chair. Joe Neuhardt.