

MINUTES
KINGS COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD (LAB)
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024, 3:30 p.m.
HANFORD BRANCH LIBRARY
HANFORD, CA

ROLL CALL

The meeting was called to order at 3:54 p.m. by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason. Members present were Ms. Anne Sutton, and Ms. Margaret Lirones. Ms. Linda Mackey and Mr. James Tucker were absent. Library staff present were Vikki Cervantes – Library Director and Farrah Canseco – Executive Secretary. For the record, Ms. Wilma Humason arrived at 3:52 p.m.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes were approved.

UNSCHEDULED APPEARANCES

Ms. Gisselle Coyt, Kings County Administrative Analyst, and Ms. Alicia Jacobo, District Coordinator with Senator Hurtado's office, were present at the meeting.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Building Forward Grant – Vikki Cervantes reported that staff are working hard with consultants, completing quarterly reports, tracking process and payments. Plans are at 60% build.

Personnel Updates – Vikki shared that the library has hired two extra help library assistants, Megan and Sydney. They started on Monday, September 16th. Sallie will be retiring at the end of the month, and we will be recruiting for her vacancy.

California Library Association Conference – Vikki will be attending the Directors' Forum and CLA conference in Pasadena on October 16-19, 2024. She discussed rescheduling or canceling the next LAB meeting. The group chose to cancel until the November meeting.

Programs and Highlights – Vikki shared a handout of libraries in review, stats for 2022-23. Summer Reading stats were made available as well. The library has been providing the public Roundtable coupon incentives for reading.

LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD ITEMS

Wilma requested to have a future LAB meeting in Lemoore, including one in Corcoran in the Spring.

REPORT ON LEGISLATION AND BUDGET ACTIVITIES

Vikki shared a handout with the library's approved budget information including library goals for 2024-25.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY (FOL) REPORT

Wilma shared that the Friends' voted to pay for the 2024 summer reading program performers. A check was provided. She updated the group on their bank account status and shared that the FOL is down to 10-12 people.

ANNOUNCEMENTS, CORRESPONDENCE, AND COMMENTS BY STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS

Vikki announced that the Tachi Palace will be hosting the State of the County on Thursday, October 10, 2024. It is open to the public.

ADJOURNMENT

The next regularly scheduled meeting on October 17, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. will be canceled. The Library Advisory Board will reconvene on Thursday, November 21, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. The meeting was adjourned by Chair, Ms. Wilma Humason at 4:50 p.m.