

MINUTES - FINAL

City of Orange

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

February 26, 2024

The Orange Public Library Board of Trustees of the City of Orange, California convened on February 26, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Salter Annex of The Taft Branch Library, 740 E. Taft Avenue, Orange, California 92865.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Vice Chair Huber called the meeting to order at 3:37 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Vice Chair Huber led the flag salute.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Huber, Calvert, and Montgomery

Absent: Stevens, and Martinez

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of minutes of the Orange Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on January 22, 2024.

A motion was made by Trustee Calvert, seconded by Trustee Montgomery, to approve the minutes as presented.

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Calvert, and Montgomery

Noes: None

Absent: Stevens, and Martinez

4. FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

Susie Huber reported the following on behalf of the Friends of the Orange Public Library ("Friends"):

- The Friends are celebrating their 65th anniversary with lawn signs for the community and special book sale opportunities.
- Updates on the bookstore, internet sales and memberships.
- Upcoming sale events.
- The Friends donated books to the International School of Orange County.

- The bookstore has extended its hours to Monday/Tuesday/Thursday/Friday 10:00 a.m. - 5:30 p.m., Wednesday 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., and Saturday 11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

5. ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT

Lynn-Marie Frediani reported the following on behalf of the Orange Public Library Foundation (“Foundation”):

- An update on past and upcoming Foundation events.
- The Foundation will showcase the Seed Lending Library catalog at the Woman’s Club Flower Show on April 4, 2024.
- Ideas for future fundraising events.

6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.1. Updates on Library Services

Amy Harpster, Interim Library Services Director, provided a report on current events at the Library, including:

- Statistics from Library outreach and social media.
- A recap of past Library events and programs and an update on current programs.
- Equipment and building improvements for the Library.
- Updates on Library staff and scheduling.
- An announcement of upcoming Library events and programs.
- Technology updates.
- The OPL Statistics at a Glance - January 2024 report was received and filed.

Leah Brenier and Lizette Guerra provided an update on the Taft Branch, emphasizing the popularity of its programs, resources to the community, and the number of patrons served.

6.2. Financial Report Through January 2024

The January 2024 Financial Report was received and filed.

7. BOARD REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Chair

None.

7.2 Reports from Trustees

The Trustees had the following to report:

- Vice Chair Huber asked about library development fees. She proposed working with other community groups in Orange to have a Club Fair to connect with more volunteers.
- Trustee Calvert provided an update on Ukulele SOUP. The group is planning for the May Parade and will purchase a new float banner.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:51 p.m.

The Library Board of Trustees will adjourn to a meeting on Tuesday, March 5, 2024, at 3:30 p.m. in the Rotary Room at the Orange Public Library & History Center. The March 18, 2024 Regular Library Board of Trustees meeting is cancelled.

s/Amy Harpster

Amy Harpster
Interim Library Services Director