

MINUTES - FINAL

City of Orange

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

October 21, 2024

The Orange Public Library Board of Trustees of the City of Orange, California convened on October 21, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in a Regular Meeting in the Rotary Room of the Orange Public Library & History Center, 407 E. Chapman Avenue, Orange, California 92866.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

Chair Martinez called the meeting to order at 3:30 p.m.

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Trustee Katie Montgomery led the flag salute.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Huber, Calvert, Montgomery, Stevens, and Martinez

Absent: None

Trustee Stevens joined the meeting at 3:40 p.m.

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Orlene Burd, a Library volunteer, commented on her experience as a volunteer.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1. Approval of minutes of the Orange Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on August 19, 2024.

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Calvert, Montgomery, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: Stevens

4. FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

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

- Updates on the bookstore, internet sales, and memberships.
- The Friends will gift an honorary lifetime membership to Tina Richards, editor of The Sentry newspaper.

- Updates on past and upcoming specialty book sales.
- The Friends are currently searching for a replacement vendor for book recycling.

5. ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT

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

- Updates on Seed Lending Libraries at all three Library Branches.
- Updates on Foundation fundraising programs and events.
- Success of Little Free Libraries around the City.
- Foundation Board meetings will be affected by the proposed change in Library operating hours and will move from the second Monday of every month to the second Wednesday.

6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.1. Interim Library Services Director’s Report and Updates on Library Services

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

- Updates on Library staff and scheduling.
- Updates on proposed budget reductions.
- A recap of past Library events and programs and an update on current programs.
- An announcement of upcoming Library events and programs.
- Updates on building improvements.
- Updates on the Library as a voting center for the 2024 election.
- The OPL Statistics at a Glance - August 2024 and September 2024 reports were received and filed.

6.2. Financial Report Through September 2024

The September 2024 Financial Report was received and filed.

7. BOARD REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Chair

Chair Martinez had the following to report:

- A discussion if the Library Board of Trustees should review their mission statement and how the Board can encourage more public patronage for the Library.

Chair Martinez left the meeting at 4:43 p.m. Vice Chair Huber presided over the rest of the meeting.

7.2 Reports from Trustees

The Trustees had the following to report:

- Ukulele SOUP celebrated their 11th birthday.
- Trustees attended the Library’s Comic Convention event and praised the program’s volunteer and staff effort.
- Trustees expanded on Chair Martinez’s report and suggested attending school board meetings, parent-teacher association meetings, and to campaign directly to walkable schools surrounding Library branches.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.

The next Regular Orange Public Library Board of the Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, November 18, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the Rotary Room at the Orange Public Library & History Center.

s/Amy Harpster
Amy Harpster
Interim Library Services Director