

MINUTES - FINAL

City of Orange

Orange Public Library Board of Trustees

November 20, 2023

The Orange Public Library Board of Trustees of the City of Orange, California convened on November 20, 2023 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.

1. OPENING/CALL TO ORDER

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

1.1 PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Chair Martinez led the flag salute.

1.2 ROLL CALL

Present: Huber, Calvert, Stevens, and Martinez

Absent: Montgomery

2. PUBLIC COMMENTS

Public Speaker:

Steve Freeman praised library staff, the Library Board of Trustees, and the Library Foundation for their current efforts and thanked Dave Curtis for his service as Library Services Director and congratulated Dave on his upcoming retirement.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

3.1 Approval of minutes of the Orange Public Library Board of Trustees Regular Meeting held on October 16, 2023

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

The motion carried by the following vote:

Ayes: Huber, Calvert, Stevens, and Martinez

Noes: None

Absent: Montgomery

4. FRIENDS OF THE ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

Kathleen Stevens reported the following on behalf of the Friends of the Orange Public Library ("Friends"):

- Updates on the book store, internet sales and memberships.
- Upcoming special sale events and promotions for members.
- Isabel Nguyen has been appointed as Social Media Director of the Board.
- A ribbon-cutting ceremony will take place on January 19, 2024 to celebrate the Friends' 65th Anniversary.

5. ORANGE PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT

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

- An update on upcoming Foundation events.
- The Legacy Awards event took place on November 12, 2023 and raised over \$16,000.00 for the Literacy program.
- An update on upcoming Board elections.

6. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

6.1 Updates on Library Services

Dave Curtis, 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.
- The OPL Statistics at a Glance - October 2023 report was received and filed.

6.2 Financial Report Through October 2023

The October 2023 Financial Report was received and filed.

7. BOARD REPORTS

7.1 Reports from Chair

Chair Martinez had the following to report:

- Chair Martinez provided a tour to the media specialists of the Orange Unified School District.
- Chair Martinez announced the Regular Meeting scheduled for December 18, 2023 will be cancelled.

7.2 Reports from Trustees

The Trustees had the following to report:

- Vice Chair Huber announced the Woman's Club of Orange was hosting an event on Jane Austen and Madame Modjeska. The Friends of the Library will provide Jane Austen novels for sale.
- Trustee Calvert provided an update on Ukulele SOUP.

- Trustee Stevens announced the passing of Mary Jo Cretney, a member of both the Friends of the Library and the Woman's Club of Orange. An "orange" for the Foundation Tree will be donated in her honor.

8. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 4:36 p.m.

The December 18, 2023 Regular meeting is cancelled.

The next Regular Orange Public Library Board of Trustees meeting will be held on Monday, January 22, 2024 at 3:30 p.m. in the Community Room of the El Modena Library.

s/Amy Harpster

Amy Harpster
Interim Library Services Director