

ANAHEIM PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD MEETING
MINUTES

MEETING LOCATION

Central Library
500 W. Broadway
Anaheim, CA 92805

DATE/TIME

March 8, 2021
4:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER – The agenda having been posted on March 4, 2021, the regular meeting of the Anaheim Public Library Board of Trustees was called to order by Chair Laviguer at 4:00 p.m.

PRESENT: Rose Chen, David Laviguer, Linda Newby, Stan Oftelie

ABSENT: Shelby Hogan

STAFF: Audrey Lujan, City Librarian; Jennifer Foxx, PT Management Assistant; Thomas Edelblute, Senior Library Services Manager; Chloe Van Stralendorff, Communications Specialist II, Donald Hilliard Jr., Library Technology Systems Administrator

I. INTRODUCTION OF VISITORS AND COMMUNICATION FROM OTHERS:

A. **FRIENDS OF THE ANAHEIM PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT:** Helen Carter will be retiring as President of the Friends of Anaheim Public Library. New officers will be elected at their next meeting. The Friends Book Nook continues to do well and donations are now being accepted and will go through the quarantine process.

B. **FRIENDS OF THE CANYON HILLS LIBRARY:** They continue to sell inventory acquired prior to Library closures and Covid-19 prevention strategies at great prices. With many patrons having increased time at home, books available in the Rushing to Read Corner are of high interest. Additionally, FOCAL has hosted several successful outdoor FLASH sales, offering books at reduced prices. Their next FLASH Sale will be on Friday, March 12, 2021.

C. **ANAHEIM PUBLIC LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT:** The Foundation is pleased to announce that they are moving forward as of now to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of the Mystery Authors Luncheon *Sinister Shenanigans*, on Sunday October 24, 2021. The guest panel includes award winning authors Timothy Hallinan, Paige Shelton and Mike Befeler with award winning mystery author Allison Brennan as guest moderator. Tickets go on sale in September through Eventbrite. Ginny Gardner is stepping down as President of the Foundation as of April 1, 2021, to care for her husband who was in a tragic car accident which left him paralyzed from the chest down last year. It has been her absolute pleasure to be a part of the Anaheim Public Library Foundation and she will do her best to provide a smooth transition for the next president.

D. **UNSCHEDULED ORAL COMMUNICATION:** None.

E. **WRITTEN COMMUNICATION FROM OTHERS:** None.

II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2021 MEETING: The minutes were approved as presented.

III. UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None.

IV. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. VIRTUAL STATISTICS: The previous reports were corrected to reflect year to date statistics as opposed to end of fiscal year statistics. Chloe Van Stralendorff presented the Social Media statistics to the Library Board.

V. INFORMATION

A. CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT:

- The Carnegie Library Building is being treated for termites.
- An application has been submitted for Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funds to fix the slipping windows at the Carnegie Library Building.

- B. BUDGET: The Budget Division is reviewing department budget proposals.

VI. ACTIVITY REPORTS

- A. STATISTICS: None.

- B. ACTIVITY REPORTS: None.

- C. MONTHLY RECOGNITION OF SUPPORT/CERTIFICATE BY BOARD MEMBERS: Linda recognized Thomas Edelblute for truly exceptional patron service. Linda observed Thomas' interaction with a patron which displayed patience and compassion. Linda also recognized Audrey Lujan for ensuring staff is trained in dealing with patron issues as well as working with other City agencies to ensure the safety of patrons and staff. Audrey has been invited to other Libraries to share techniques regarding patron issues. Anaheim Public Library sets the standard for many other libraries in the State in regard to handling problem patrons. Audrey Lujan and Thomas Edelblute should be recognized for all the work they do to make our Anaheim Libraries be the example of the Anaheim Way of doing so well and being a resource of best practices statewide.

VII. BOARD ITEMS

MEMBER ROSE CHEN: Wished all the ladies a Happy International Women's Day.

MEMBER LINDA NEWBY: None.

VICE CHAIR STAN OFTELIE: Suggested the Library Board do a recognition of Helen Carter, outgoing President of the Friends of the Anaheim Public Library and Ginny Gardner, outgoing President of the Anaheim Public Library Foundation.

CHAIR LAVIGUER: None.

VIII. MISCELLANEOUS

- A. NEXT MEETING: The next meeting will be April 12, 2021, at the Central Library.
- B. ADJOURNMENT: Chair Laviguer adjourned the meeting at 5:01 p.m.