



City of Watsonville

Meeting Minutes

Board of Library Trustees

Library 2nd Floor
Conference Room
275 Main Street,
Watsonville, CA

Chair Victoria M. Bañales

Vice Chair Barbara Corrigan

Blanca Baltazar-Sabbah, Trustee

Joyce Parr, Trustee

Providence Medrano Martinez, Trustee

Diane Muñoz, Trustee

Thursday, October 15, 2020
6:00 P.M.

Virtual Meeting

1. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT: Bañales, Corrigan, Muñoz and Parr

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT: Alicia Martinez, Interim Library Director and Luz Martinez, Administrative Analyst.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

2.1 MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 17, 2020 – Trustee Muñoz motioned to approve minutes seconded by Trustee Corrigan motioned passed with four ayes.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS

3.1 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC AND TRUSTEES

Trustee Muñoz subscribed to the library newsletter and shared it with a variety of colleagues. She commended library staff for all their excellent work.

Trustee Bañales thanked city administration for the lovely gift.

3.2 ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE LIBRARY DIRECTOR

The California Action Book awarded the library the Book into Action Grant for \$1000 that will fund speaker fees for a community read collaboration with the Santa Cruz Public Libraries in March.

The Southern Library Cooperative awarded a \$5000 Crisis Collection Grant to increase our e-resource collection.

We are also in the process of applying for a few more grants.

Curbside services moved from the interior Civic Plaza lobby to the interior library lobby. We are still offering the same services, including book bundles, computer services and we are an official ballot drop off location. Trustee Muñoz asked if there is a tentative reopening date. The Interim Library Director will bring different reopening models once the California State Library guidelines are made available.

A. COMMENT FORMS

The Library has received a lot of positive feedback from our community members acknowledging the excellent services the library staff have provided during this pandemic.

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 LIBRARY IMPLEMENTATION PLAN UPDATE

The Interim Library Director reviewed the workplan section by section explaining how staff have begun to implement sections of the plan. Trustee Muñoz recommended adding “ and stakeholders” to the end of the sentence “The library will provide storytimes and other opportunities for early childhood learning, and work in partnership with other early childhood providers.” The Interim Library Director will present a quarterly update.

4.2 POET LAUREATE

The Board will form a committee in January to begin the process including requesting funds from the Friends.

5. NEW BUSINESS

No new business at this time.

6. REPORTS

6.1 FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY

The Friends’ are planning to meet in November. The Interim Library Director will have more information at the November Meeting. Trustee Corrigan requested more information about the Friends including list of members.

Trustee Muñoz suggested having a yearly joint meeting. The board agreed to have an informal joint virtual meeting in December.

6.2 PROGRAMS

The Interim Library Director informed the board about the upcoming library programs via the [website](#).

ADJOURNMENT

7:00 pm