

MEETING MINUTES
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
March 8, 2007
South Creek Branch Library
1702 Deerfield Boulevard
Orlando, Florida 32837
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- 07-036 I. **Call to Order**
Library Board Present: Matthew Pardy (3/0); Sara Brady; (3/1); Livia Rivera (3/0)

Library Board Absent: James Tyson (3/1); Greg Lee (3/1)

Administration Present: Mary Anne Hodel; Debbie Moss; Robert Tessier; Carla Fountain; Eric Atkinson; Craig Wilkins; Sally Fry; Kathryn Robinson; Tracy Zampaglione; Milinda Neusaenger

President Pardy called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.
- 07-037 II. **Public Comment**
Public comments of items listed on the agenda will occur just prior to the Board's discussion and possible action of the agenda item. Public comments of items not listed on the agenda will occur at the end of the meeting agenda.

If a request is made for written comments to be included in the official record of this meeting, it is helpful if the requestor is able to provide the comments in an electronic format. However, this is not required. This is to ensure the completion and accuracy of the official record when posted on the Library's website, www.ocls.info . For more information, contact Milinda Neusaenger at 407.835.7611 or neusaenger.milinda@ocls.info .
- 07-038 III. **Approval of Minutes: Library Board of Trustees Meeting ~ February 8, 2007**
Vice President Brady, seconded by Trustee Rivera, moved to approve the minutes for the February 8, 2007 Meeting. Motion carried 3-0.
- 07-039 IV. **Staff Presentations:**
Traducelo Ahora ~ Bobbie Gonzalez
Shop OCLS ~ Wendi Bost
Bobbie Gonzalez, Children's Assistant Manager, gave an overview of the new translation service Traducelo Ahora available through a generous grant from IBM.

Wendi Bost, Acquisitions Manager, demonstrated Baker & Taylor's new Shop OCLS service which provides direct purchasing capabilities from the library's online catalog.
- 07-040 V. **Financial Statements and Summaries: February 2007**
- 07-041 VI. **Statistics and Summaries: February 2007**

07-042 VII. **Action Items**

07-043 **Non-Consent Agenda**

07-044 **Chickasaw Branch Construction Grant Resolution**

Vice President Brady, seconded by Trustee Rivera, moved to approve the resolution authorizing the application process for the Public Libraries Construction Grant. Motion carried 3-0.

07-045 **Proposal by Kalson & Associates**

Vice President Brady, seconded by Trustee Rivera, moved

1. To approve the proposed work plan, including fees, and enter into a contract with Kalson & Associates for investment consulting services; and
2. To authorize staff to:
 - o Terminate the investment consulting contract with USI by giving 30 days written notice.
 - o Negotiate and execute a contract with Kalson & Associates.
 - o Negotiate and execute all necessary documents, including contracts with money managers and a custodian, to implement the money manager approach.

Motion carried 3-0.

07-046 **Proposed Letter to Governor on Property Tax Reform**

Vice President Brady, seconded by Trustee Rivera, moved to approve sending a letter from the Board to Governor Crist regarding property tax reform. Motion carried 3-0.

07-047 VIII. **Discussion and Possible Action Items**

07-048 **Librarian Initiative Summary**

07-049 IX. **Information**

07-050 **Director's Report**

Following are comments in addition to those published in the April Board Meeting Packet:

- The opening of the Computer Resource Center yesterday 7 March was very successful. The space looked beautiful, the Board President gave a very welcoming introduction and we were lucky enough to get Mayor Dyer to come and say few remarks as well as draw the winners for the MP3 Player and the thumb drives. Many thanks to John Claytor, Tracy Zampaglione, Eric Atkinson, Pam Bergner, Chris Zabriskie, Kris Woodson, Ricardo Viera, and the Community Relations and CRC staff for working so hard for the wonderful event.

- The Friends of the Library will be making their annual trip to Tallahassee this coming week to communicate with our legislative delegation about our views on proposed property tax reform, proposed sun setting of special taxing districts and

state aid for libraries. There are a lot of ideas swirling about and many of them would harm the library and its services.

- We have added the following statement to our website to indicate our concern about the property tax measures being proposed:

The many calls for sweeping changes to Florida's property tax system are already a hot topic for this year's legislative session. At first blush, tax-burdened homeowners may delight in the prospect of a lower tax bill, but they should think twice before supporting such dramatic measures. Why? Because every silver lining has a cloud and the reality is that the property tax burden will be eased at local expense. Property tax is a primary source of revenue for the Orange County Library System. Any reduction in the amount of property taxes is likely to prompt cuts in library service.

The Orange County Library System encourages citizens to seek information about the various proposed property tax reform plans and the real impact that they will have on the community. The Florida League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties will be monitoring the issue throughout the legislative session. Visit their websites often and stay up to date on the implications of property tax reform. Ask us for other sources to stay informed on this much discussed topic. The bottom line is - reforms that reduce property tax revenues will mean reductions in funding to the Orange County Library System.

07-051

Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items

X. Adjournment

President Pardy adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

Next Meeting Dates: April 12, 2007 ~ Orlando Public Library; 101 East Central Boulevard; Orlando, Florida 32801 --- May 17, 2007 ~ Edgewater Branch Library; 5049 Edgewater Drive; Orlando, Florida 32810.

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