

MEETING MINUTES
ORANGE COUNTY LIBRARY SYSTEM BOARD OF TRUSTEES
June 14, 2007
Orlando Public Library
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Orlando, Florida 32801
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- 07-082 I. **Call to Order**
Library Board Present: Matthew Pardy (6/0); Sara Brady; (6/1); James Tyson (6/2); Livia Rivera (6/0); Greg Lee (6/1)

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

President Pardy called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.
- 07-083 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 .
- 07-084 III. **Approval of Minutes: Library Board of Trustees Meeting ~ May 17, 2007**
JT, GL moved to approve the minutes for the May 17, 2007 Library Board of Trustees Meeting. Motion carried 5-0.
- 07-085 IV. **Presentation: First Amendment Foundation ~ Government in the Sunshine Workshop**
Barbara Peterson, President of the First Amendment Foundation in Tallahassee, Florida briefed the Board in the Government in the Sunshine Laws and the Public Records Law and gave various scenarios and protocol information as to how public boards are to function within the laws.
- 07-086 **Staff Presentation: Mobile Gamma**
- 07-087 V. **Financial Statements and Summaries: May 2007**
Comptroller Tessier gave the Board a 3 page handout summarizing his understanding of the impact of the property tax reform plan on next year's budget. Although the "rolled-back" component of the plan will result in a 13% reduction in the Library's millage

rate, tax revenues for next fiscal year are projected to increase slightly due to new property added to the tax rolls. For a home valued at \$250,000 with a \$25,000 homestead exemption, the reduction in the Library's millage rate equates to a \$10 reduction in the Library tax. The impact of the "Super Exemption" amendment, which goes before the voters in January 2008, is not yet known. Discussion ensued regarding the impact of property tax reform on the Chickasaw Branch remodel project. Given the uncertainty with the Super Exemption amendment, the consensus of the Board was to put the design process for this project on hold for the time being.

07-088 VI. **Statistics and Summaries: May 2007**

07-089 VII. **Action Items**

07-090 III. **Discussion and Possible Action Items**

07-091 **Librarian Initiative Summary**

07-092 IX. **Information**

07-093 **Director's Report**

●We have been working with ICMA RC to get the entire group of employees enrolled in the money purchase plan, rather than completing enrollment forms for each employee. As a starting point for the enrollment, the employee's asset allocation for investments (which funds will money be invested in)

As well as their beneficiary information is being brought over from the DC Plan. Overall, the transition seems to be going well and should be completed by the end of June.

●We have had good turnouts for Ronald Mc Donald and our other Summer Reading Program offerings. At Hiawassee recently, we had 139 people for Ronald.

●The Library is very pleased to be offering an online learning opportunity to our staff for Readers' Advisory 101, an introductory online Web-based course that covers readers' advisory tools, crafting annotations, methods to offer Readers Advisory services. This is a six-week course scheduled starting at the end of July.

●Teen Battle of the Bands took place on stage in Library Central last Saturday night. There were over 220 persons in attendance and five bands participated in the contest. The winners, a jazz group called Funk Alchemy received a four hour recording session from Rotary Records, a photo shoot by Glam Photography wearing garments from SeigeINK Apparel, business cards from Dawn Lewis Photography and the Print Empire, a show at Jake's Java joint and an interview with Q's House Internet Radio.

●We have been receiving a steady stream of "Let's us Know" responses from our posters we installed at the entrance of each of our facilities on the impact of the property tax reforms. This was in response to the discussion at the last Board meeting. We are gratified by these comments and hope to continue receiving them.

A copy of all the comments received to date is included in the supplemental board packet.

● We have been meeting regularly with the architect and the construction company regarding the redesign of Chickasaw. A preliminary schematic design cost estimate has been received from Skanska. It comes to \$3,673,810. This works out to be about \$240/sq foot. There could be some changes in this as the architect thought that the plumbing estimate could go down as well as the building site work. But the chilled water system is not figured into this estimate and the interior estimate is low. Before we proceeded with the next phase of the design work, I wanted to share this with the Board. I thought this would be an appropriate spot to re-assess the situation and see if you had any thoughts about continuing the process in light of what we know today about the impact of tax reform.

07-094 **OCLS as an Employer Survey**

07-095 **Public Comment: Non-Agenda Items**
Marion Buckingham – Orange County Resident and Library Card Holder spoke regarding her account.

X. **Adjournment**

President Pardy adjourned the meeting at 9:07 p.m.

Next Meeting Dates: July 12, 2007 ~ Windermere Branch Library; 530 Main Street; Windermere, Florida 34786 --- August 9, 2007 ~ Orlando Public Library; 101 East Central Boulevard; Orlando, Florida 32801.

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