



**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD**

**SANTA MONICA MAIN PUBLIC LIBRARY
601 SANTA MONICA BLVD
SANTA MONICA, CA 90401
ADMINISTRATIVE CONFERENCE ROOM,
SECOND FLOOR**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2024
MEETING BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Chair Meister called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

Roll Call

The following persons were recorded in attendance by the Recording Secretary:
List in order called during the meeting.

Present: Chair Judith Meister, Vice Chair Dana Newman, Boardmember Lucien Plauzoles, Boardmember Antonio Spears and Boardmember Jason Lin

Absent: None

Also present: Erica Cuyugan, City Librarian
Priscilla Bouvet, Executive Admin. Assistant
Emily Burton, Librarian III – Youth & Family Services
Gia Forsyth, Librarian I – Teen Services

1. Public Input: Public input is permitted only on items not on the agenda that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. State law prohibits the body from taking any action on items not listed on the agenda, including issues raised under this agenda item.

2. Special Agenda Items

- a. Poet Summer Reading Programs

- i. Emily Burton, Librarian III – Youth & Family Services

Emily gave an overview of the summer reading program for adults and children, reading prizes and activities, new features for logging of reading minutes via Beanstack; and Santa Monica Reads all summer through One Book, One County, a community reading program.

- b. Presentation of Teen Services

- i. Gia Forsyth, Librarian I

Gia gave an overview of the restoration of the teen volunteer program and development of a Teen Council. The program has a total of 38 teen volunteers. Gia shared the importance of teen volunteers in the library, attending programs, providing an education place to provide essential volunteer opportunities, while learning to contribute to their community. Teen Council has been able to help hold teen programs and create initiatives. A recent initiative includes the launching of a literary magazine, and writing take and make kits.

- c. Secretary's Report (not agendized)

- i. Erica Cuyugan, Director of Library Services

The following components of the Secretary's Report were highlighted:

- 32nd Annual Juneteenth Celebration
- Passport services are back
- Pride on the Promenade, Rainbow Family Storytime
- Summer Reading Kick Off
- Pico Branch 10th Anniversary Celebration
- ESL Tutoring Program launch
- New Montana Branch Self-Service hours

3. Public Input On Remaining Agenda Items

4. Library Board Member Discussion Items

- a. Approval to compose a letter to City Council expressing interest in having a council member assigned to the Library Board as a council liaison, based on Resolution Number 11510, Section 15. Council Liaisons.
 - i. Judith Meister, Chair

Meister volunteered to compose letter to City Council on behalf of the Board, requesting a council liaison be appointed to the Board.

- b. Serving with a Purpose Conference report
 - i. Judith Meister, Chair
 - ii. Lu Plauzoles, Board member

Meister and Plauzoles attended this year's Serving with a Purpose Conference and recommended the Friends Board attend next year and focus is primarily on fundraising efforts.


- c. Recognition of years served on Library Board for Lu Plauzoles.
 - i. Judith Meister, Chair
 - ii. Erica Cuyugan, Library Director

Meister and board members recognized and thanked Plauzoles for his years of service. Plauzoles shared the importance of board members attending library events and recommended the creation of more opportunities where board members could be introduced and get to know staff more.

Adjournment

Chair Meister adjourned the meeting at 7:40 pm.


Attest:

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Erica Cuyugan

Secretary

Approved:

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Judith Meister

Chair