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SANTA MONICA PUBLIC LIBRARY BOARD

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

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2024
MEETING BEGINS AT 6:00 P.M.**

Call to Order

Chair Judith Meister called the meeting to order at 6:00 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, and Boardmember Daniel Cody.

Absent: Boardmember Antonio Spears and Boardmember Jason Lin.

Also present: Cecilia Tovar, Assistant City Librarian
Priscilla Bouvet, Executive Admin. Assistant

1. Special Agenda Items -

a. Secretary's Report

i. Cecilia Tovar, Assistant City Librarian

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

- Announcement by City Manager, David White, of his future departure from the City
- Library programs: Music class, Holiday Book Fair, Teen Decoden Design, and LA Law Library office hours at the Main Library
- Literacy Program Year-End Celebration
- Teen Leadership Council efforts

2. Consent Calendar: All items will be considered and approved in one motion unless removed by a member for discussion. Staff recommends approval of the following Library Board meeting minutes:

- August 8, 2024
- September 12, 2024
- October 10, 2024

MOTION

Cody moved and Meister seconded a motion to approve the minutes for the August 8, 2024 meeting. The motion carried unanimously.

3. Library Board Member Discussion Items -

a. Discuss and review meeting schedule for the Santa Monica Neighborhood Groups

i. Judith Meister, Chair

Board members discussed attendance at upcoming neighborhood group meetings to advocate why the library should be a budget priority.

Cody volunteered to attend a North of Montana (NOMA) and Wilshire Montana Neighborhood Coalition (Wilmont) group meeting.

Meister volunteered to attend an Ocean Park Association group meeting.

Newman volunteered to attend an Ocean Park Association group meeting and inquire about the Friends of Sunset Park.

Meister discussed the possibility of Spears attending a Pico Neighborhood Association meeting, and Lin attending a Northeast Neighborhood Association meeting as representatives of their neighborhood.

Cody volunteered to create a presentation to use when attending neighborhood meetings. Cody requested the Library Impact Report be shared electronically to board members for distribution at meetings.

Tovar suggested also reaching out to the Early Childcare Task Force and Virginia Avenue Park Board.

- b. Discuss and plan for a joint meeting with the Friends of the Santa Monica Public Library Board
 - i. Judith Meister, Chair


Board discussed moving forward with having a joint meeting with the Friends Board in the month of February.

Adjournment

MOTION

Newman and Cody moved seconded a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:14 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.


Attest:

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Cecili Tovar
Assistant City Librarian

Approved:

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Judith Meister
Chair