



PACIFIC GROVE LIBRARY BOARD MINUTES



Tuesday, December 11, 2007
Pacific Grove Community Center

1. **Call to Order:** Chair Lynn Mason called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.
2. **Roll Call:** Laura Courtney Headley, Lynn Mason, Susan Steele, Mary Housel and Nancy Hauk.
3. **Acceptance of the minutes of November 13, 2007.** November minutes were approved and accepted. (Steele/Mason)
4. **Board Member Announcements:**
 - a) Headley read a statement from Pacific Grove City Council Member Lisa Bennett at her request, in her absence. The statement had been written in response to letters she had been receiving from citizens concerned for the library given the news of proposed sever cuts to its funding. The letter concluded as follows: *“Had our relatively affluent and well-educated voters voted for the tax measures, we would have seen resumption of Sunday hours. Since they didn’t, we will see cuts in Library services. I only hope it won’t have to be total loss in those services.”*
5. **Oral Communications:** There were no oral communications.
6. **Reports:**
 - a) **Friends of the Library Update:** Steele reported on the most recent meeting of the FOL, which had been held on December 3rd, 2007. The main topic of discussion at that meeting was whether or not there was anything the FOL could do to help bridge the gap in funding for the library until the problems with the city budget are solved. There is some money available, but it is uncertain whether it will be freed up for such purposes.
 - b) **Senior Librarian:** Housel pointed out that her report seems less critical this month, in light of recent events and concerns regarding the very survival of our library. Morale is at an all-time low at the library, as staff waits to learn the fate of its funding. Housel is looking into ways to motivate the citizenry of Pacific Grove to come to the aid of the library and to educate them regarding the library’s needs. A possible ballot measure regarding funding specifically for the library was discussed. Housel encourages members of the board to attend the upcoming meeting with a speaker from the state library who will share ideas regarding funding and resources. Housel also mentioned that the new computers donated by the FOL will be up and running soon.
7. **Old Business:**
 - a) **Library Strategic Plan:** Discussion postponed until Councilmember Lisa Bennett is in attendance.
 - b) **Letters and/or Presentation to City Council:** Steele shared the letters she had written with the board. One letter was written to City Manager Jim Colangelo in response to his request that all boards and commissions consider the possibility of combining with other boards in order to streamline services. The other letter was written to Mayor Dan Cort in general support of the Library, urging the City Council not to cut funding.
8. **New Business:**
 - a) **City Manager and Deputy City Manager’s meeting with City of Monterey (Library Director, Assistant City Manager & Library Board Chair) to discuss a**

possible contract for Monterey Public Library to provide specified library services in the City of Pacific Grove. The City Manager is awaiting a response from the City of Monterey and the Library Director regarding this proposal.

b) Library Centennial Plans for May 2008. This topic was placed on hold for a future meeting.

c) Board input on agenda items for January 8 Meeting:

i) City Council Meeting of Wednesday, December 12th with regards to issues pertinent to the library and library funding.

ii) Meetings with the City of Monterey regarding Monterey Public Library's assumption of duties and services at PGPL.

9. Adjournment: at 7:55 p.m. (Steele/Headley)

Respectfully Submitted,



Laura Courtney Headley
Secretary

**Next Regular Board Meeting:
Tuesday, January 8th, 2008, 7:00 p.m.
Pacific Grove Community Center
515 Junipero Avenue**