

BEAUMONT LIBRARY DISTRICT

BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING

6:30 p.m. at the Library – May 29, 2024
125 East Eighth St., Beaumont, CA

MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER – President Coleman called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

ROLL CALL – M. Coleman, C. Carr, M. Lillard-Geiser, S. Perry, L. Dickinson

ABSENT – B. Mahoney

GUESTS – Pedro Espinet and Jonathan Richert (both via Zoom), D. Roppelt,
K. Van Valkenburg

REPORT OF POSTING OF AGENDA - Agenda was posted 72 hours in advance.

1. CONSENT ITEMS

Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting.

MOTION: (Perry/Lillard-Geiser) to approve the Minutes as amended. (4-0-1)

2. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

General Ledger Report – The Director noted expenses related to GASB work by our actuary, the monthly payment to C.W. Driver, expenditures for summer reading, CENIC Internet service, the Palace e-book project, and the library property survey. In addition, we were finally charged by the Riverside County Registrar of Voters for the placement of Measure M on the November 2022 ballot in the amount of \$40,682.40. Mr. Dickinson also reported that an additional \$500,000 from the ACO Fund, and \$200,000 from the General Fund, have been transferred into their respective CLASS subaccounts. Finally, the office of the county's Auditor-Controller discovered mistakes in calculating interest because refunds had not been deducted. As a result, each agency that has funds with Riverside County will have their excess interest amounts deducted in August 2024 and January 2025. The grand total for Beaumont Library will be something over \$4,000.

Activity Summary Report – Circulation was much higher last month due to automatic renewals. Not counting renewals, usage is still up 13.6% over last April and 4.5% YTD. Likewise, April 2024 was 1.4% higher than April 2019 without renewals. YTD numbers are still lower, but reference interactions and e-book numbers are significantly higher.

Changes in Status of District Employees – Emmalynn Manayan started work as a part-time Library Page on April 25 at \$16.00 per hour and Sean Park started work as a part-time, on-call Librarian I on May 9 at \$32.75 per hour.

3. OLD BUSINESS

A. GRANT UPDATES

Samples of the 15 portable solar charging devices and 5 iFixit repair kits that Beaumont Library received in late April through the California State Library EmPOWERing Access project were shown to the Board. The new Bookmobile will be inspected by consultant Michael Swendrowski on June 25 and delivery is expected by mid-July. Due to the huge state budget deficits, numerous library grants are expected to be cut. The good news is that it looks like Zip Books and literacy programs will continue to be funded. Lunch at the Library funding is going to be cut, but we should be able to continue working with BUSD to continue distributing meals during the summer of 2025. Funding to cooperative library systems in California, like the Inland Library System, will be cut in half, but these groups should be able to handle the losses.

B. BUILDING PROJECT UPDATE

Pedro Espinet and Jonathan Richert from TSK Architects joined the meeting via Zoom to give an overview of the renovation/expansion design work. They thoroughly reviewed the combined site plan and floor plan and exhibited renditions of the exteriors looking at the Carnegie from the northeast, the west side of the structure from the southwest, and the proposed new entrance from the south.

4. NEW BUSINESS

A. DEVELOPMENT IMPACT FEE STUDY

No action was taken at the city's impact fee study public hearing on May 7. The Council delayed any action until June 18 at the earliest. In the meantime, the author of the study will have the chance to re-examine the Beaumont Library calculations, which might result in higher numbers.

B. 10-MO. FY24 FINANCIAL REPORT & FY25 BUDGET, 2ND REVIEW

The Director reported that our tax revenue through April is up over 10% compared to FY23. The national CPI for the past twelve months rose to 3.4% and to 3.9% in Los Angeles. The May CPI for Riverside-San Bernardino will not be available until early June. As a precaution, the salary budget, which had assumed a 4% CPI and 2% average merit increases, has been adjusted to cover a potential 5% CPI.

ADDED STARTERS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Mr. Dickinson said that we will again be sharing a Cherry Festival booth with the Historical Society. He also mentioned the runoff LAFCO election where we will again

vote for Bruce Underwood. He shared a draft of the library newsletter for June, which covers the summer programs. Assistant Director Kelly Van Valkenburg reported that 407 children registered for the In-N-Out gift card promotional and presented a gift card to each trustee along with the summer program schedule and a less expensive summer brochure that can go to all school students. She has hired two teens for Lunch at the Library work and announced that we will be hosting three blood drives this summer.

TRUSTEE COMMENTS AND REQUESTS

Ms. Lillard-Geiser expressed her appreciation of library staff visiting the schools. It was clarified for Ms. Carr that the next Library Board meetings are scheduled to be held on June 20, July 25, and August 29, subject to change as needed.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Friends of Beaumont Library District President Debra Roppelt reported on the May 28 meeting of the Friends Board. Two new Friends Board members have been brought on, which brings the total to 10. The bookstore has been opening on different days and for special events and there are incentives for new and renewing members. The goal of 100 members has been met with the total now at 103. A "virtual dinner" is being scheduled through Panda Express for June 28 as a fundraiser. The Friends newsletter is being promoted on Facebook and has 55 new members. The Milton and Marilyn Cook Scholarship will be presented tomorrow evening, and the Big Book Sale will be held on Saturday, October 5.

ADJOURNMENT - at 7:49 p.m.

APPROVED:

DATE: