

**Lompoc Library Commission
Lompoc Public Library
501 E. North Ave., Lompoc, CA 93436
Tuesday, January 9, 2018, 10:00 AM
Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Ruhge called the meeting of the Lompoc Library Commission to order at 10:00 AM.

Commissioners Present: Molly Gerald, Luella Knowles, Chairperson Ann Ruhge, Ron Stassi

Commissioners Absent: None

Staff Present: Library Director Sarah Bleyl, Library Administrative Aide Lee Edie

Others Present: County Library Committee (LAC) representative Alice Down

2. Adoption of Agenda

ACTION: Motion/Second: Knowles/Gerald. By a 4-0 vote, Commission approved discussion of agenda items in order as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Motion/Second: Knowles/Gerald; Stassi abstained. By a 3-0 vote, Commission approved the minutes of the November 14, 2017 regular meeting.

4. Presentations

None.

5. Public Comment

None.

6. Library Support Activities

A. Friends of the Lompoc Public Library System

A written report was submitted by Friends President Cathy Rudolph. In it she shared that the Decorated 3' Christmas tree raffle was the most successful yet, netting \$821. It helps that Board member Sandi Scolari bought trees for half-price at an after-Christmas sale last year and then donated the cost of them. Two new volunteer decorators have come forward for next year, too. Two \$1,000 memorial donations were received in December as well as other smaller end-of-year donations.

B. Library District Libraries Foundation

No report was provided by the Foundation. Staff shared that the Foundation's next meeting is January 11, 2018 at the Lompoc Library.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Business

A. County Library Advisory Committee Update

The Library Director reviewed the information from the December 13, 2018 Library Advisory Committee meeting. The firm, Management Partners, contracted to work on the study of the county library system, shared that due to the uniqueness of this system in comparison to others in the state, they will not be doing a benchmark summary but instead a more in-depth study since zones are so different. They have

met with stakeholders which did not include the library commission. A date for the final report has yet to be set.

Supervisor Das Williams has indicated that he will be asking for more money for libraries. County staff has indicated that the general fund is capped so even if population increases, additional funds would not be available. Library advocates should attend the April meeting.

The next LAC meeting will be January 17, 2018

B. Library Commission Vacancy Discussion

Chairman Ruhge suggested that there needs to be a more proactive approach for filling the current commission vacancy. Commissioner Gerald shared that she may have found someone interested in the vacancy. She will follow-up with an invitation to next month's meeting.

9. Library Director's November/December report and updates

The Library Director presented the staff report. In addition to the written report, it was reported that an intern from Cuesta College will be starting the end of January and assisting with adult programming and outreach, and a new State grant funded program called Zip Books will be introduced which allows patrons to request the purchase of any book or audio book not currently in the Black Gold system.

10. Roundtable

Commissioner Gerald reported that there has been nothing new for advocacy from CPLA (California Public Library Advocates) since last spring. She will see what their spring program offers. ALA (American Library Association) offers some good advocacy videos that may possibly be useful for TAP TV and social media.

Commissioner Stassi: 1) Asked if there were any physical updates to the Lompoc Library restroom upgrade project and staff advised that it is moving forward with plans to begin in August 2018, 2) He shared information from the Los Angeles Library system where kids with outstanding fines can come in a read a book to work off some of the outstanding balance, and 3) He wanted to pass on to the Friends of the Library that he is still willing to assist with the pick-up of book donations.

Commission Knowles thanked the library director for accepting an invitation to speak at the February 7, 2018 meeting of the California Retired Teachers Association.

Commissioner Ruhge thanked staff for the extra work necessitated with the vacancy of the library manager and Village Library branch supervisor.

11. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by Chairperson Ruhge at 10:51 AM. The next Regular meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Lompoc Public Library, 501 E. North Ave., Lompoc.

Secretary by
Lee Edie, Library Administrative Aide