

**Lompoc Library Commission
Lompoc Public Library Grossman Gallery
501 E. North Ave., Lompoc, CA 93436
Tuesday, July 9, 2019, 10:00 AM
Regular Meeting Minutes**

1. Call to Order

Vice Chairperson Knowles called the meeting of the Lompoc Library Commission to order at 10:10 AM.

Commissioners Present: Vice Chairperson Luella Knowles, Maricela Barraza, Molly Gerald, Ron Stassi
Commissioners Absent: Ann Ruhge
Staff Present: Library Director Sarah Bleyl, Library Admin Assistant Lee Edie
Others Present: Cathy Rudolph, Friends of the Library President
Judith Dale, County Library Advisory Committee member

2. Adoption of Agenda

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

3. Approval of Minutes

ACTION: Motion/Second: Gerald/Barraza. By a 3-0 vote; Commissioner Stassi abstained, Commission approved the minutes of the May 14, 2019 special meeting.

4. Presentations

None.

5. Public Comment

Judith Dale shared that she has been contacted by constituents regarding the closing of the Village Library on Saturday. The library director advised that reasons for Saturday closure were specifically based on a sustainable budget. Further information was discussed under 8A Budget.

6. Library Support Activities

A. Friends of the Lompoc Public Library System

Friends President Cathy Rudolph reported that the upcoming book sale is set for July 18-20. With the start of the new fiscal year, their first disbursement to the library will be made in August. Lompoc Civic Theater is interested in doing another fundraiser for the Friends and more will be shared as information develops.

B. Library District Libraries Foundation

A report was not provided by the Foundation.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Business

A. Budget Update

The Library Director reported that the Lompoc City budget passed on June 24, 2019 with no cuts to the library. A difficult decision to close the Village Library on Saturday was made after consulting with the city manager, county department head, and notifying Supervisor Hartman. The need for funding was explicit in the fundraising letter sent out in November 2018. Closing Saturday was the day of least use and the decision was

specifically based on sustainable funding. Sustainable funding is something being discussed at the County Library Advisory Committee ad hoc committee meetings.

Commissioner Gerald would like to be provided with information and asked for input allowing the share of information.

Commissioner Stassi asked for the amount raised, which was just over \$7,000, and suggested contacting service clubs for fundraising assistance. The library director appreciated the suggestion however added that this type of funding is not sustainable. She would like to discuss this further and will place this item on next month's agenda.

9. Library Director's May-June report and updates

The Library Director presented the staff report. In addition to the written report, the Director informed the Commission that:

- the Lompoc Library restroom renovation project began May 13, 2019 and should conclude soon.
- re-carpeting of the Lompoc Library will commence before the end of the year and will be done in three phases and will require closing the library during some of the phases. Shifting of the Spanish collection to the end of the fiction section and removing a few stacks of nonfiction will be performed during this time. The added space will be used for large programs and next year's summer reading programs as attendance for these programs exceeds the capacity of the Grossman Gallery.

10. Roundtable

Commissioner Stassi asked for the name of the new Village Library branch manager, and was answered with Sarah Starbuck.

Commissioner Gerald shared her appreciation of Ms. Bleyl and all that staff is accomplishing without the library manager position, budget workshops, etc.

11. Adjournment

Vice Chairperson Knowles adjourned the meeting at 11:13 AM. The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 13, 2019 at the Lompoc Public Library, 501 E. North Ave., Lompoc, at 10:00 AM.

Secretary by
Lee Edie, Library Administrative Aide