

James L. Hamner Public Library
Board of Trustees Meeting
March 21, 0223

The meeting was called to order at 6:03 by president Jennifer Harris. Members present were Carol Hix, Beatrice Head, Virginia Whitaker, Ruth Ashton, Tom Hayghe, Jennifer Harris, and Gail Geraghty. Also present were Friends liaison Linda Tanner and Katarina Spears, our incoming library director.

The new library director, Katarina Spears, was welcomed by Jennifer, and board members present introduced themselves. Jennifer said that Ms. Spears would begin in her position on April 17th and that we are excited to begin working with her.

The minutes from our last two meetings were approved - those from January 17th and February 6th. Ruth motioned to approve and Carol seconded.

Friends' Report - Linda Tanner, co-treasurer of the Friends, said that they are eager to work with Baylee to be involved with the 50th anniversary activities and have some ideas to share.. She also shared that a generous endowment has been left to the library, and the Friends are excited to see it go toward the CIP facility expansion, particularly toward developing the children's section. Linda said that they will meet with an attorney soon to finalize details. Jennifer said we could possibly look into funding options such as grants which would match this donation. She also stated that we will be glad for the input from the Friends regarding an expansion.

Officer's Reports - none

Committee Reports - The 50th Anniversary committee has not yet been able to meet, but Baylee has put together a list of some ideas she's been working on. She said she would like to move forward and get some things started. Discussion was made of some proposed activities, including an ice cream social, a folk music performance, car show, Amelia collectables sales, Christmas parade float, etc. The Friends have offered funding for 50th anniversary activities and Baylee asked for input about the budget she'd set up. Tom suggested that a bit more money would be needed, and perhaps she should ask for \$3650. Jennifer said the committee should meet soon to work on further planning, and could involve input from our new library director.

Library Director's Report - Baylee, as acting director, said that the library has offered the part-time position to a very good candidate, and has a good alternate as well. Also, the recently-hired circulation manager is scheduled to start on April 1. Jennifer shared with Katarina about the quarterly reports and their purpose. She also said that after Kat starts her position in April, we will eventually look to return the library to its previous hours.

Old Business - (CIP) Jennifer said that she and Carol are planning on going to the board of supervisors' budget meeting tomorrow evening as representatives for the library.

New Business - Baylee talked about the hotspot program she's starting up. She noted that most other libraries have hotspots for patrons to check out and wants to begin this at JLHPL. She's found that T-Mobile has a good program that's designed for libraries, and hopes to start with two or three hotspot devices. She said that this will require setting up policy. Jennifer asked for any other new business. None was shared.

The next board meeting date was scheduled for May 16th at 6:00.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:59.