

MINUTES OF MEETING
Friends of the Library
North Las Vegas Library District
Tuesday, January 19, 2016
Aliante Library 5:00 p.m.

In Attendance:

Jerry Dockens, Chairperson
Jan Kuhns, Vice Chairperson
Alanna Carabott, Recording Secretary
Natalie Tyrrell, Member-at-Large
Forrest Lewis, Director, NLV Library District
Anita Wood, City Councilor, Mayor Pro Tempore

Absent: Kathy Dammeir, Treasurer

Members also present: Vernie Borgersen, Bob Borgersen, Dr. Chip Martin, Jeff Alpert.

1. Call to Order

The Chairperson called the meeting to order at 5:09 p.m. and welcomed those present.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOVED BY N. TYRRELL AND SECONDED BY J. KUHNS:

THAT the Board of the Friends of the Library of the North Las Vegas Library District approve the agenda of January 19, 2016 as circulated.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY J. KUHNS AND SECONDED BY N. TYRRELL:

THAT the Board of the Friends of the Library of the North Las Vegas Library District approve the minutes of October 20, 2015 as circulated.

CARRIED

4. Director's Report

The Director updated the board on current items;

- The **Winter Reading Program** in December, in conjunction with the Channel 8 *Great Libraries* campaign, was very successful with 172 readers finishing of 916 participants. Channel 8 featured the

library at City Hall as part of the campaign. Special thanks to our generous sponsors **Smash Burger**, **Farmer Boys** and the **Friends of the Library** for their valued support and prizes;

- The **American Library Association Grant for Latino Americans** is a program in partnership with PBS. The 2nd program of the series will take place on Thurs, March 21st at 5:00 p.m. (flyer attached as **Appendix "A"**) showing the PBS series *Latino Americans*, at the Barrick Museum and which will include a scholarly discussion. All are encouraged and welcomed to attend! Programs have been planned for 2016 at the Barrick Museum at UNLV, at Rancho High School and an additional broadcast at PBS studios in the early part of June;
- - The **Nevada Reads** program, in partnership with the state library featuring an annual title of a Nevada author. This year ***We are Called to Rise*** by author Laura McBride has been chosen with events scheduled for January 30th (Alexander) for discussions and Saturday, February 20th (Aliante) the author attending for discussion and book signings! Everyone is encouraged to pick up a copy of the book at any library and can purchase a copy at the book signing events. FURTHER and in conjunction with the Nevada Reads, the NLVLD is working with Mitch Fox, Director of Communications, City of NLV and John L. Smith, writer with the Las Vegas Review-Journal newspaper, to plan and moderate a quarterly author session, initially launching at the Aliante Library;
- The **Library Service and Technology Act Grant** the competition of which we are a finalist (of 9) will update all of the public access computes at the Alexander and Aliante libraries. Receiving the grant would allow for replacement of all computers, provide laptops, as well as to provide a distinct server at each library. The servers alone are approximately \$20k each. A webinar will be held shortly with the grant panel to answer questions;
- LSTA grant for **Workforce Development delivery** monthly classes continue at City Hall with much interest. In February we will also offer a ***Workforce Readiness*** class to teach and assist people with interviewing skills and soft skills. Future plans include résumé preparation and assistance with applying for jobs;
- **Self Check Out** machines are nearly ready to go with a few glitches remaining to settle. When the technology is running, a ceremony to officially launch can be planned;
- **STEAM Programming** (science, technology, arts, and math) we are expanding materials for classes Alexander and Aliante and soon to City Hall. We are presently working on training additional librarians to expand the offering. The state is considering new computer programs such as 3D modelling, etc. We are researching grants to assist with this implementation; and
- **Staff Training** is being offered by the State Library thanks to the up-tick of the economy. The Director and a few of our management librarians were recently able to participate in leadership training they offered. In the future we are anticipating training to be offered for areas such as summer reading programs and 3D technology, for example.

5. Financial Report

The Director spoke this item and discussed three (untitled) financial handouts (handouts attached together as **Appendix "B"**). Clarification and discussion ensued on the attachments and specifics including the donor plaques, the donation vortex tunnel machine (Director will send members a web link), and upholstery items

MOVED BY N. TYRRELL AND SECONDED BY J. KUHN:

THAT the Board of the Friends of the Library of the North Las Vegas Library District approve the proposed budget as proposed (attached) for 2016.

CARRIED

6. Library District Strategic Plan and the Role of Friends of the Library to Support the Plan

The Director updated the meeting on this item and provided background information. Civic Technologies (civictكنولوجies.com) has been researching and planning out the NLVLD 5-year strategic plan through grant funding. A special meeting of the Library Board has been called for presentation, discussion and possible approval of the proposed plan in detail on Thursday, February 4th at 5:00 p.m. at City Hall (room 112). Marc Futterman of Civic Technologies will be presenting on behalf of his team.

7. Proposed Expenses for the Coming Year

Dealt with earlier. The Chairperson asked the Director if all of the foreseeable items needed were proposed in the budget. The Director affirmed noting that the NLVLD has opportunities not available in the past. He noted specific confidence in the receipt/awarding of grant funding to the district this year.

8. Approval of the New Yearly Budget

Dealt with earlier.

9. Next Meeting

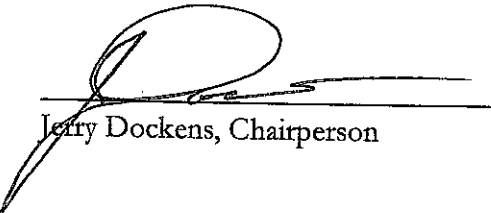
MONDAY, April 11, 2016 at 5:00 p.m., Aliante Library. The Chairperson noted that this date was chosen as Mrs. Carabott (recording) now has limited availability. Discussion also ensued on searching for a treasurer, as Cathy Dammeir is unable to continue due to her availability. The treasurer position requires the person be bonded. Mrs. Dammeir has generously agreed to remain as treasurer (in absentia) until we have a replacement. Discussion ensued and the Chairperson requested any volunteers to contact the Director. The Director noted that an open-house is planned for March and volunteers may be found anew at that time. This item will appear on the April agenda.

10. Open Forum


- i) Bob Borgersen suggested a questionnaire to find out how would could increase interest in the charity and attendance at our meetings.
- ii) Judge Tyrrell noted that we do get a larger crowd, a crowd of good numbers, at the annual meetings. The Chairperson noted that we would do an augmented flyer for that meeting. Mr. Borgersen suggested that local and master HOA(s) and newspaper could be asked to mention our meetings on their agendas and minutes.
- iii) Jeff Alpert asked if an overhead projector or other projection equipment was available for our meetings. The Director noted that we lost much of our equipment like that at auction, but he would check and see if another branch had one or if one is in a storage unit.
- iv) Mr. Alpert asked about library hours and if the NLVLD had restored its hours. The Director noted that Alexander is open 4 days per week, 10:30 – 8 Wedn/Thurs and 9-6 Fri and Sat. At City Hall Mon-Thurs 10:30 – 8 p.m. Aliante was able to open an extra day, but a day was then depleted from City Hall to accomplish that as we have limited staff. The Director noted that bonds are first to be paid off, then once that is completed in 2021 we still need to pay the City back. We remain hopeful to work with the City over that and try to expand library hours. Council continues to consider consolidated tax amendments.
- v) Mr. Alpert noted that during 2016 many new corporations will be arriving in North Las Vegas and could we look for ways to work with them for donations funding? The Director noted that our strategic plan does speak to this, in particular regarding specific “asks.”
- vi) Mr. Borgerson referred to recent newspaper article about pending legal action and tax consolidations and wondered if the Friends could join that legal action. The Director noted that such would be an issue for the City.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business the Chairperson thanked everyone for attending and adjourned the meeting at 6:05 p.m.



Jerry Dockens, Chairperson



Jan Kuhns, Vice Chairperson