

AZUSA CITY LIBRARY COMMISSION

APPROVED Minutes of the Meeting on February 7, 2008

1. Call to Order

Library Commission Interim Chair Dena Simpson called the meeting to order at 6:10 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Library Commissioner Maria Pacino led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Roll Call & Introductions

Commissioners Present: Victoria Cruz, Maria Pacino, Madelyn Payne, & Dena Simpson.

Excused: Rosemary Agabra

Absent: None

Library Staff: Albert Tovar, Library Director.

4. Approval of Minutes

The minutes of the December 6, 2007 (motion to approve by Commissioner Payne and seconded by Commissioner Cruz) and January 3, 2008 (motion to approve by commissioner Pacino and seconded by Commissioner Payne) meetings were both approved.

5. Public Participation

There was no public participation.

6. Unfinished Business

- A. The library commission elected Dena Simpson as chair of the Library Commission for calendar year 2008 and Commissioner Victoria Cruz was elected as co-chair.
- B. Director Tovar urged the library commissioners to begin thinking about goals for next fiscal year to include in the workplan for the library commission. As part of the workplan, the library commissioners are encouraged to participate in the library's Readers Are Leaders event during National Library Week. Of those queried, Victoria Cruz said that she and her daughter (Xilonín Cruz González, school board member) would be available for reading to children. All other commissioners were tentative.

7. New Business

There was no new business discussed.

8. Reports and Communications

A. Director Albert Tovar submitted a written highlighting recent programs and services. Of particular note the following items were mentioned:

- Mr. Tovar reviewed achievements in 2007 and what to look forward to in 2008.
- Mr. Tovar talked about the strength in youth services programs and the large audience turnout.
- He stressed important technology upgrades coming up - especially the installation of computer scheduling software and hardware, new library system upgrades, a new book detection system, and a better copy machine for public copying.
- There were no staff updates to report.
- The Library Commissioners were encouraged to periodically visit the library website at www.ci.azusa.ca.us/library and the library commissioners were thanked for their continuing input on library service.

B. Library Commissioner and Friends of the Library president Madelyn Payne announced the sad news regarding Olga Lobaco's passing. Olga was treasurer of the Friends. Commissioner Payne also talked about the upcoming MEET THE AUTHOR series featuring nationwide best-selling author T Jefferson Parker coming to Azusa on May 1, 2008 from 6-8 p.m. Commissioner Payne also reported that Friends member and library commissioner Rosemary Agabra is recovering from a broken ankle and we all wished her a speedy recovery.

9. Discussion Items from the Library Commissioners

This item was postponed to the March 6, 2008 meeting.

10. Calendar Items of Special Interest to the Library Commission

Director Tovar reviewed upcoming dates and events.

11. Adjournment

Newly-elected chair Dena Simpson adjourned the meeting at 6:50 p.m.