MINUTES PLACENTIA LIBRARY DISTRICT SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES May 7, 2012

CALL TO ORDER

President DeVecchio called the Special Meeting of the Placentia Library District (PLD) Board of Trustees to order on May 7, 2012 at 3:02PM.

ROLL CALL

Members Present: President Richard DeVecchio, Secretary Betty Escobosa, Trustee Al Shkoler, Trustee Jean Turner, Trustee Gaeten Wood

Members Absent: None

Others Present: Library Staff: Library Director Jeanette Contreras and Marisa Timothy; Placentia Library Friends Foundation (PLFF) President Brenda Benner; guests Diane Cunningham (arrived at 3:04PM) and Pat Irot

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

It was moved by Trustee Shkoler and seconded by Secretary Escobosa to adopt the agenda as presented:

AYES:

DeVecchio, Escobosa, Shkoler, Turner, Wood

NOES:

None None

ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

None

ORAL

COMMUNICATION

There was no oral communication made at this time. (Item 4)

PLACENTIA
CHAMBER OF
COMMERCE BOARD
ELECTIONS

Library Director Contreras presented information and a copy of the ballot for the election of the 2012-2013 Directors of the Placentia Chamber of Commerce. It was moved by Trustee Shkoler and seconded by Trustee Wood to approve the nomination of all four candidates as presented: (Item 5)

AYES:

DeVecchio, Escobosa, Shkoler, Turner, Wood

NOES:

None

ABSTAIN:

None

ABSENT:

None

ORANGE COUNTY GRAND JURY REPORT Library Director Contreras provided the history before the Orange County Grand Jury released their recent report: "Let There Be Light" Dragging Special Districts from the Shadows. She informed the Board that in a recent conference call with California Special Districts Association (CSDA) members, the direction was "do not escalate" the situation. She added that there had not been many public responses to the release of the report. She proceeded to state the various issues, specifically a decrease in services to the public, which would arise if the district followed the Grand Jury's recommendation to consolidate with the County Library system or the City. She stated that she did not think the recommendation of Homeowners' Associations acquiring Library Services is a viable option. She also stated that the report brings opportunity to educate the public. Guest Pat Irot communicated that she believed the County Supervisors are simply after the public funds; she later added that the public is not aware of the situation nor is there concern. Trustee Wood agreed to the financial gain motive and suggested that PLD have a two-fold response that includes a positive story to the local public and a focus on the financial perspective that the District is well-managed. Trustee Shkoler expressed his agreement with Pat Irot's statements. President DeVecchio directed the discussion on what was to be the next action by the Board. It was moved by Trustee Shkoler and seconded by Secretary Escobosa for the Library Director to draft a response to the Orange County Grand Jury Report for legal review and communicate with Buena Park Library District regarding the possible sharing of legal services to obtain separate but equal responses to the Report: (Item 6)

AYES:

DeVecchio, Escobosa, Shkoler, Turner, Wood

NOES:

None None

ABSTAIN: ABSENT:

None

The Special Meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Placentia Library District on May 7 2012 adjourned at 3:42 P.M for a Closed Session.

ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting will be on May 24, 2012 at 6:30 P.M.

NEXT MEETING

Richard DeVecchio

President

Library Board of Trustees

Betty Escobosa (

Secretary

Library Board of Trustees