

HARVARD CITY LIBRARY BOARD  
March 17, 2005  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 p.m. by President Jean Hutchinson. Also present were Allen Gillette, Reggie Logan, Joel Berg, Ann Almgren, Joyce Palmer, employee Holly Haupt and Librarian Harriet Roll. **Joel moved to approve the minutes of the Feb. 17, 2005 meeting, and Allen made the second, motion carried.**

**Current Bills:** A motion was made by Joel and a second by Joyce to approve payment of the current bills as presented. This motion was carried.

**Citizen Comments** – Ed Detlefsen showed the Board a model of a sculpture representing reading/libraries which he would like to make and sell to the library. It would be approximately 15' tall and the estimated cost would be \$8490 without installation. Joel felt that outside funding would be required if this project were to be pursued.

**Financial Reports:** Harriet distributed copies of the current City library budget, fines account, Diggins trust account, and Head librarian & impact fees, status.

**Committee Reports** – The next Community Enrichment program scheduled is April 13<sup>th</sup> for “An Evening of Jazz” by the Rock Valley Community Jazz Ensemble.

**Librarian's Report:** In continuing to explore the merging of the the 3 library systems in PALS, Harriet spent a day in Ottawa to learn more about the Sirsi system.

She also noted that this year's summer reading club (aka “Jane Reads; Reading's Never Extinct) will be in conjunction with the Burpee Museum and IMLS (Inst. Of Museum & Library Services) grant project featuring Jane the Dinosaur.

Library employee, Jessica Arcos Santana, will be going on maternity leave near the end of April.

The Diggins Board expressed to Harriet their desire for Thursday hours of operation to be extended to a full day of 9:30 a.m. to 8 p.m. Harriet will do further evaluation.

The two ceiling leaks will be checked out this Friday by a roofing company

**Unfinished Business:** Several aspects of the Long Range Plan were discussed regarding laptop internet access, homeschooling curriculums, and art education. This will be further reviewed.

Harriet provided a draft of the City library budget for fiscal year 2005- 06. She will prepare the final copy for the April Board meeting.

**New Business:** None

**Adjournment:** Joel made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m., seconded by Joyce, and the motion was carried.

The next regularly scheduled meeting is April 21, 2005.

Submitted by: Jo Carbonetti, Secretary

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Jean Hutchinson, President