

## **LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

### **Minutes of July 22, 2004**

Present: Marilynne Allen, Peg Bowen, Dave Lopez, Sandy McDowell, Vanessa Czopek

#### I) Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by Library Advisory Board President Marilynne Allen.

#### II) Old Business – None

#### III) Public Comment Period – None

#### IV) New Business

A. Officers – Motion by Sandy McDowell to elect Dave Lopez as Library Advisory Board Chair. Seconded by Peg Bowen. Unanimous approval.

#### B. County Librarian 's Report – Vanessa Czopek

\$ Budget – Vanessa reported that the library has had to use its fund balance each year to bridge the gap between its expenses and revenues. She distributed reports which show a disparity of approximately \$1.3 million between the FY 2004/05 proposed library budget expenses and revenues. We anticipate running out of the fund balance after FY 2005/06.

\$ Regional Library System - A new regional library system was implemented on July 1. Under the new system, managers at three regional libraries in Oakdale, Salida and Turlock will each supervise three smaller branches. Modesto Library Manager Charles Teval will supervise the regional libraries.

\$ Statistics - Vanessa distributed the Library Activity Report for June and FY 2003/04.

\$ Library Reports - Vanessa is writing letters to each member of Board of Supervisors, along with Supervisors-Elect O'Brien and DeMartini, to update them on what each library branch in their district accomplished in FY 2003/04.

\$ Modesto Library Renovation Update - The Modesto Library is moving ahead with its new lighting and public restroom remodel projects this fiscal year. The library may be closed during the renovation.

\$ Youth Advisory Council Member – Vanessa reported that Christina Lee has left the Library Advisory Board. Susan Lilly will write letters to all school principals to try to fill the vacancy.

C. County Librarian Evaluation – Vanessa’s evaluation will be in October, and she requested that a Library Advisory Board member be on her evaluation team. Dave Lopez volunteered to be a member of her team.

D. Modesto Library Tour – Vanessa invited each Board member to tour the Modesto Library. Please contact Vanessa to make arrangements.

V. Next Meeting Date - The next meeting is scheduled for October 28, at 4:30 p.m. , in the Modesto Library conference room.