

**MINUTES**  
**LOS GATOS LIBRARY BOARD**  
**October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012**

A special meeting of the Los Gatos Library Board was held on Thursday, October 11th, 2012, 3:00 p.m.

**Present:** Debbi Behrman, Tom Atkinson, Lyn Dougherty, Rita Baum, Henry Bankhead, and Heidi Long, Secretary.

**Absent:** Kitty King

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order by Tom Atkinson.

**Approval of Minutes:** Special Meeting, no minutes were approved.

**Public Comments:** None.

**Poet Laureate**

- Poet Laureate description and application
  - Posted on Town website
  - Press release has gone out to local news agencies
  - Rita will work with Dick Sparer on more media coverage – news story about current poet laureate, Parthenia Hicks, with call for submissions for new poet laureate term
  - Lyn will get a notice out to local poetry groups and Poetry San Jose
  - Each board member will take a stack of flyers/applications to local cafes and poet hang outs
- Concern about having a stipend for this position was raised by Lyn Dougherty
  - Lyn will do some research to find out how other local jurisdictions handle this
  - Lyn will work with Parthenia to get a list of actual expenses of the poet laureate position
  - Anticipate that a stipend will add more prestige to the position
  - For current term, Lyn will take request to the Friends Board for sponsorship as no money has been designated for this position by the Town council.
- Selection Committee (5 total):
  - Council Member
  - Library Board Member – Lyn Dougherty
  - Library Staff Member – Henry Bankhead
  - Friends Board Member – Rita Baum
  - Local Poet – Lyn will ask Mary Lou Taylor of Saratoga
- Interviews are tentatively scheduled for the week of November 26<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>
- Poet Laureate to be appointed at December 17<sup>th</sup> Council Meeting

**Date for next regular meeting:** The next regular meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, November

14, 2012, 3:00 p.m., in the library conference room.

With no further business to be brought before the Board, the meeting was adjourned at 4:55 P.M.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Long