

Public Hall, Lodi, Cal. Feby. 25, 1907

The Board of Trustees of the City of Lodi reconvened in adjournment regular session pursuant to adjournment of the Feby. 18, 1907, President Lawrence presiding, and the following Trustees being present: Villinger, Hale, Rich, and Blodgett.

Minutes of the previous meeting read and approved as read.

Communication of the Board of Trade stating that the Board of Trade had unanimously endorsed the Carnegie Library project read and placed on file.

Petition for the establishment of a Free Public Library read.

Moved by J. M. Blodgett, seconded by F. O. Hale that the petition be accepted.

Mr. G. W. Lemoin then addressed the Board on behalf of the petition.

Mr. Dilse Hipkins asked whether the petition designated whether a Carnegie Library or not.

Mr. J. DelValle spoke in favor of the petition, as did also W. O. Young.

The following agreement was then drawn up and executed.

This agreement made between the undersigned citizens of The City of Lodi, and the Board of Trustees of said City of Lodi: witnesseth:

That, whereas, on the 18<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1907, a petition was presented to said Board praying for the establishment of a free public library, and whereas, it appeared to the said Board at the time of the presentation of said petition, that there were not available funds sufficient to operate the said Library until a tax levy could be made for the same.

Now, therefore, we, the undersigned citizens of the City of Lodi, do, in consideration of the acceptance of said petition, guarantee that we will collect and pay to the city of Lodi all funds necessary for the maintenance of said Library until the said Board of Trustees can provide for the maintenance of the same by a tax levy, which said time shall not be later than December, 1<sup>st</sup>, 1907.

To the faithful performance of this obligation, we hereby bind ourselves, our heirs, executors and assigns.

In Witness whereof, we hereunto set our hands and seals this 25<sup>th</sup> day of February, 1907.

W. A. Young, C. L. VanBuskins, C. J. DeValle, Geo. W. Lemoein, W. P. Lancaster, Jms. C. Bewley, W. P. Grant, E. G. Williams, J. W. Fish, and Henry F. Ellis.

The motion was then put and carried by the following vote:  
Ayes; Blodgett, Hale, Villinger and Rich.

Mr. H. S. Clark, Sr. then being called upon gave the Board a lucid statement of the Library as now conducted. Stated that the visitors for the past year had been over 7000 books borrowed during December and January had been 319.

President Lawrence than appointed the following parties as Trustees of the Public Library:  
Mr. H. F. Ellis, Dr. Elroy Williams, Mrs. J. Delvalle, Mrs. C. W. Keen, Rev. W. P. Grand.

Moved by F. O. Hale, seconded by L. Villinger that the appointees of the President be approved by the Board. Carried unanimously.

Mr. J. DelValle, Mrs. T .R. Lillie, and Mrs. C. L. VanBuskins then made eloquent appeals for a Carnegie Library.

Mr. D. Hopkins, M. Chas, Millikan, and Mr. J. Millikan, while favoring a Library did not favor a Carnegie Library.

The City Clerk was instructed to get into communication with Mr. Carnegie after consultation with the Library Trustees, and it appeared to be the sense of the Board that the matter of a Carnegie Library be deferred until a reply could be had from Mr. Carnegie.

Mr. W. Lancaster appeared before the Board and wished to be informed regarding obstructions to the street complaining that D. Beronis was using a part of Pleasant Avenue as a vegetable Garden.

Ordinance No 21 was then read.

Moved by C. A. Rich, seconded by J. M Blodgett, that Ordinance No 21 entitled "An Ordinance Providing for the Publishing of Ordinances Nos. 6,7,13, and 18 be adopted as read.

Carried by the following vote:  
Ayes; Lawrence, Hale, Rich, Blodgett and Villinger.  
Noes; None

No further business coming before the Board, an adjournment was taken to Friday Evening, Mar. 1, 1907.

J. M. McMahan  
City Clerk