

**FRESNO'S CHAFFEE ZOO CORPORATION
 General Meeting of the Board of Directors
 Fresno Chaffee Zoo Education Building
 January 08, 2009 5:30pm**

Present	Absent	Public	Staff
Colin Dougherty			Lewis Greene
Sieg Fisher			Brian Goldman
Sheri Manning-Cartwright	Sharon Levy		Andy Snider
George Nokes	Tom Richards		
Shari Rainwater	Tom Templeton		
Marie Slater			
John Valentino			

Discuss and consider minutes: Director Rainwater made a motion to accept the minutes as amended. Director Manning-Cartwright seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Director Valentino turned the board chair duties over to Director Dougherty.

Director Dougherty welcomed our new board member Marie Slater.

Outgoing Director Bruce Campbell was given a service award for his term on the board.

Chair Report: Director Dougherty stated that this would be the year the earth moved. Director Dougherty stated he has high hopes that the zoo could start moving forward with building plans.

CEO Report: CEO Greene read a brief statement from Director Cruz Ramos tendering her resignation from the board. Ms. Cruz cited her busy schedule and unavailability to the Fresno Chaffee Zoo Board. CEO Greene stated that a notable birth for the animal department was the Victoria Crowned pigeon chick. CEO Greene stated the maintenance department was continuing work on the Maddis House in the Rainforest. CEO Greene was pleased to state that the 429,000 visitors to the zoo in 2008 had been the best attendance in the last 15 years.

Report by Director of Finance and Administration: Mr. Goldman reviewed the financial statement with the board. Mr. Goldman stated that the Finance Committee chose Premier Valley Bank.

Discuss and consider legal review: Director Valentino stated that after reviewing the submittals and speaking with several attorneys the recommendation would be to have Fishman, Larsen, Goldring & Zeitler as the zoo law firm. After a call for discussion it was determined a more formal selection process would be formed. Director Valentino made a motion to accept the law firm as stated. Director Nokes seconded. All in favor. None opposed. Motion carried.

Public Comment. This time is set-aside for the public to comment on any item within the jurisdiction of the Board, but not appearing on the agenda. Items presented under public comment may not be discussed or acted upon by the Board at this time. For items appearing on the agenda, the public is invited to comment at the time the item is called for consideration by the Board. Any person addressing the Board under public comment will be limited to a 3-minute presentation to insure that all interested parties have an opportunity to speak. Please state your name and address for the record: None offered.

Board questions and comments: None offered.

Adjournment: at 6:15 pm

Respectfully submitted by: Lisa Condoian, Assistant Board Secretary
Fresno Chaffee Zoo Corporation