

MARINet Board Retreat Minutes

January 30, 2014

Southern Marin Fire Protection District Station #1
333 Johnson Street, Sausalito
9:00 a.m. – 2 p.m.

Present:

John Erdman, College of Marin
Gary Gorka, Dominican University of California
Debbie Mazzolini, Belevedere-Tiburon
Anji Brenner, Mill Valley
Linda Kenton, San Anselmo
Abbot Chambers, Sausalito
Frances Gordon, Larkspur
Scott Bauer, Deputy Director, Marin County Free Library (for Sarah Jones)

I. Public Comment Period

An opportunity for any citizen to address the MARINet Board on any MARINet matter.
Please limit statements to 3 minutes

No public comment.

II. Introduction of any guests

No guests were present.

III. New Business:

Board Retreat Topic: MARINet staffing plan after the retirement of Deb Moehrke.

Deb reviewed the history of MARINet from 1995 to present. The detailed presentation outlined changes in personnel, acquisition of new products, accomplishments made and challenges faced each year since MARINet's inception.

With that background presented, the Board then discussed their views on the current strengths and weaknesses of MARINet.

Several were identified in each category.

Strengths:

Libraries have confidence in MARINet support
Efficient, cost effective organization
Consortial leverage with III and Vendors

Weaknesses:

Understaffed
Short term focus
Need rules of engagement for libraries to engage with MARINet
Need a 5-year plan

The board then moved to a discussion of how MARINet should change to better meet current needs and future challenges.

Several ideas were discussed coalescing around the concept of both continuing to maintain a high level of MARINet support as well as moving toward becoming a more innovative and forward-looking organization.

The Board agreed that the Executive Committee would review the current System Administrator job description with an eye toward announcing the open position as soon as feasible and that the full Board would continue discussion about the future vision of MARINet at the February Board meeting. That meeting will include a review of the staffing plan ideas discussed at the retreat, discussion of any updates to the System Administrator job description and visioning exercise.

Submitted by,

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