

MARINet Board Meeting
March 17, 2011
Mill Valley Public Library
Minutes

Present:

Anji Brenner, Mill Valley
David Dodd, San Rafael
Gail Haar, Marin County
Linda Kenton, San Anselmo
Mary Richardson, Sausalito
Frances Gordon, Larkspur
Deb Moehrke, MARINet

Absent: Debbie Mazzolini, Belvedere-Tiburon

- I. *Public Comment Period*- no public
- II. *Introduction of any guests*- no guests
- III. *Approval of minutes*
Approved minutes from February 23rd, 2011 Board meeting. (Dodd/Gordon)
- IV. *Topics for future agenda*
 - A. Do we put unshared items in the catalog?
- V. *Old Business*

A. *Consider policy change on old fines*

Moehkre clarified the main issue: can we have a consensus on how each jurisdiction handles old fines? Haar noted that for MCFL, how to handle the accounting part of writing off old debt is a factor. The Board decided that anything older than 4 years, unless total amount owed is \$250 or above, is deleted before the end of the fiscal year. MCFL asked that a list be provided in March of each year of their outstanding costs so that they could get approval from the County Board of Supervisors. Board approved a schedule of deleting long-expired patron records within certain parameters. (DD/LK).

B. *Recommendations from database working group*

Extensive discussion about what to do about ebooks. The issues include: difficulties for patrons in understanding the limitations of different jurisdictions; concerns about fast-changing environment of ebooks; how to continue to reflect needs of communities? Dodd mentioned that the Gutenberg collection is available through Overdrive but the titles are not in the catalog. Need a proposed budget for ongoing support from committee. Should we consider it is a popular collection? Are there guidelines on format?

The database working group would like to subscribe to Mango and Little Pim. The cost is \$23-24K for MARINet. The working group is looking at mix of what we are offering jointly. Dan will gather information on what everyone paying individually and when subscriptions expire. This is for when funds are available.

C. Adoption of re-draft of membership guideline
Board looked at minor revision of document and tabled it until more work could be done.

D. Adoption of budget stability guidelines.

Tabled to future meeting.

VI. New Business

A. Board goals for FY 11/12

Discussion covered: 1. Change to more efficient method of printing notices? Future of database clean-up only goal so far. 3. Do we need to have a Dominican goal? 4. Future of MARINet if TBR goes away. 5. Set policy on shared collections of ebooks?

GH asked if it were possible to mark ACTION or DISCUSSION on future agendas.

B. Effects on MARINet of complete cut of State funding

C. Annual Sinking fund transfer

Motion to authorize sinking fund approved: MARINet Board designates \$36,581.00 to be transferred out of the FY2010-2011 operating budget into Marin Sinking Fund. (LK/MR)

D. MCF meeting room broker

Kenton volunteered to be meeting broker to make this possible.

VII. Standing Items for the agenda

A. System Administrator's report

Circ Meeting: Long discussion on how to handle donations at desk. Rise in problems with coding: committee will look into why there are a lot of errors with intent to clean up. Agreed to look at maintenance housekeeping schedule.

Haar asked question about goal of scoping committee. Concern from MCFL that we can use other methods to scope. Charge to determine what, if any, scopes we need. Attempt to pull together facets that were useful of Aquabrowser that might not be available with Encore, that could be addressed through scoping. Difficulty in scheduling meeting, and suggestion to use Doodle.

B. Correspondence - none

VIII. Announcements:

Mill Valley: centennial year going very well.

San Anselmo: Children's room started offering preschool story time, twilight tales, poetry workshop, after-school special. The public is responding well to new offerings.

MCFL: Hired consultant for community outreach. In process of hiring new Spanish Services Librarian. Will also be hiring Children's Librarian, and 2 branch managers. All staff day on April 1st. New Electronic Services Librarian-Amanda Foust.

Sausalito: Early April announcement for City Librarian.

Larkspur: program on music history-unreleased footage of Beatles- very good speaker.

Meeting adjourned at 11:44. Minutes: Anji Brenner