

MARINet Board Meeting  
Thursday, August 21, 2014  
Albert J. Boro Community Center at Pickleweed Park  
9:00am-12:00 noon

Present: Anji Brenner (Mill Valley), Gary Gorka (Dominican University), Pearl Ly (College of Marin), Sarah Houghton (San Rafael), Frances Gordon (Larkspur), Linda Kenton (San Anselmo), Debbie, Mazzollini (Belvedere-Tiburon), Abbot Chambers (Sausalito), Sara Jones (MCFL), Dan McMahon (MARINet)

I. Public comment period  
There was no public comment.

II. Introduction of guests  
There were no guests

III. Approval of minutes  
msc Jones/Kenton

IV. Old business

A. MARINet staffing update

Jones reported that MARINet is in the queue. There are a lot of MCFL hires so that we are looking at October for hiring. McMahon is starting to feel like MARINet is down a person. It was recommended that there be a single point of contact for MARINet from member libraries until new staff is hired. McMahon suggests checking for answers in our buildings first, then send out to MARINet unsolved issues. Standard problems may take a day or two longer.

B. Brainstorming project priorities (review)

Address verification by credit card: McMahon and Chambers conducted initial research into using the company that does address verification for the neighborhood website, Nextdoor. It appears the process on the MARINet end looks unclear. It is very early in the project. And there is a wide range of possibilities. There was a discussion about how a product like this could work and whether the

Board is interested in pursuing it. The Directors unanimously agreed to continue this investigation.

Link+: Jones and Brenner put forward their names to be on the Link+ Executive Board. The lack of an equitable funding structure for consortia is the crux of the financial disparity felt by most MARINet members.

Kid's fines: Nothing to report (part of consistent fines across the board initiative)

C. Budget resolution –paying pension liability; MSC at July meeting; Resolution signed today

D. Budget resolution--ebook funds; MSC at July meeting; signed

ebook summer circ 13K for all four services, holds are at 13:1; 6-7:1. Houghton recommended the ebooks for libraries Facebook page; safari searches or sessions are more accurate--not comparable to other ebooks—more like a database than ebooks. Eaudio circulates at about 3500 for July; 3:1 for ebooks.

Budget for eBooks passed out. Chambers shared that the eBook working group is encouraged to purchase mp3s given the high circulation. Alert McMahon to orders meant to be paid out of the sinking fund. If libraries order on their own, then funds will come out of that library budget. Broadening the collection is a goal.

E. Link+ funding

MARINet is in the third year of the contract. If one library drops out, to continue, each other library's costs go up by 1k. Tiers created by population; we're the only the consortium, bring this up at next meeting--fact that systems pay what we do--not consortium-friendly.

F. Overdrive frontline support

MCFL contracted for this service and Overdrive came back with a 6K quote to include all MARINet libraries; service runs out 3/2015.

They are willing to add MARINet for all then it was suggested to cost share by formula. There will be a reevaluation in March when contract runs out. McMahon will see if the cost can be clearly split out. An informal vote showed interest from b/t, sau, san, sr, and lark. McMahon will send out confirmation email.

V. New Business

A. MCFL closure--Jones explained that all county libraries will be closed on Friday, September 19 for staff training and shared a flier about the closure.

B. Chili Fresh trial

This is a review product for items in the catalog. It makes encore page longer, 2500K --free 6-month trial. More like Amazon.com reviews; currently novelist select and goodreads are available. McMahon will send links to subscribing libraries so that staff can review the product. Patrons can log-in and add reviews but it is a separate log-in.

C. Library Online coming to an end?

\$47 per seat for support but this is a dead product. The server is 7 or 8 years old and there is no support. On May 30, 2015, the contract ends. McMahon strongly recommends a new product for libraries using the system. Houghton will lead the effort to research new computer sign-in software and set-up demos. Kenton described how sign-ups happen in San Anselmo which does not involve software. There are two 15-minute walk-up stations and two one-hour stations. For the latter, patrons check out a mouse and can use the computer past the time limit if no one is waiting or has reserved a time slot. Kenton reported that it works 90% of the time though SA has researched the possibility of adding sign-up software. Please let Houghton know if you know of a good product.

G. Budget issues for next audit (FY14)

McMahon reported that budget resolutions got passed but money didn't necessarily make the transfer. Not a money issue

but a paperwork /ethics issue. Audit may be challenging this year.

H. Patron card expiration--email reminders and general discussion  
MARINet can now send patrons reminders about their library card expiring. The Board agreed to turn on this function. An email can be sent with current information for patron to verify. However, the system can't situs automatically. McMahon will send out an email with text for the email patron notice.

I. other non-action items  
Changing ktd in catalog to College of Marin

#### VI. Standing items for the agenda

A. System Administrator's report--good upgrade; self-check receipts have a length quirk but it is almost fixed.  
Situs training; 52/53 patron types are being coded incorrectly as 0.

The Board requested a list of trainings to know what is available and to enable tracking of individual staff trainings.

#### VII. Announcements

lrk: Richard left so lost cataloger--revisit cataloger discussion at some point in the future and a Town Council member is spearheading the campaign for a new library.

com--school is back, lobby remodel started, coffee cart is in, chaotic entry at this point.

sa—Library is being painted as well as the Town Hall campus. The Library has been rekeyed due to a recent theft.

b/t—busy summer

mcfl--ff remodel went well. marin commons is progressing, got compact shelving from state library will store 40k items, cm remodel later this year, continue negotiations with Novato about the school/public partnership.

sau--half-cent sales tax in Nov, 50% + 1, roads and sewers, Thurs night movie night 9:30pm.

mv-- fall brochure out, new program in Sept is fireside reading live on Sundays at 5pm for adults.

com--first week of school, working to make library more welcoming-- new furniture, brighter lights, took down signage, remodeling, 5 new part-timers including reference librarians.

sr--attempted theft—There will be a fundraiser on October 16<sup>th</sup> at the Rafael film center which will be a showing of *American Graffiti*; Houghton is part of a social group of librarians who have organized a tour at a cocktail bar/library near Greens in the city which is Sunday, September 7 at 6pm. Contact Houghton for details.

VIII. Future agenda items

- A. MCFL report on their statistics for strategic planning
- B. ebook rules--change from 8 holds to 9 potentially
- C. Chili Fresh
- D. Items from old business

Adjourned at noon.

Respectfully submitted by Linda Kenton