

**MARINet Board Meeting Minutes**  
Jan 16, 2020  
MCFL Tech Services  
1600 Los Gamos Dr., Suite 180, San Rafael CA  
**9:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m.**

Present: Abbot Chambers (Sausalito), Anji Brenner (Mill Valley), Bonny White (MCFL), Linda Kenton (San Anselmo), Gary Gorka (Dominican), Joey Della Santina (Belvedere Tiburon), Henry Bankhead (San Rafael), Franklin Escobedo (Larkspur) Sara Frye (COM).  
MARINet staff: Dan McMahon, Jessica Trenary

The meeting came to order at 9:06 a.m.

- I. Public Comment Period: No members of the public in attendance.
- II. Introduction of Guests: Franklin Escobedo, new Library Director for Larkspur PL.
- III. Approval of minutes as corrected from previous meeting: Linda Kenton, Henry Bankhead.
- IV. Old Business
  - A. JPA task force – moved to later in agenda:
  - B. Additional Book Drops -  
Locations currently under consideration are Tam Junction and Lucas Valley Road. City of San Rafael has tentatively offered to install book drop on Lucas Valley Rd. Large book drop costs \$5k -7k - plus expenses. Assumption is that book drop can be accessed from car. How to tend to emptying book drop on holiday weekends.
- V. New Business
  - A. Budget Proposal for FY 2020-21

This is the month that Dan McMahon hands out proposed budget. Dan explained budget breakout and the way costing is determined. Updated board on CENIC network compared to Midas network. Some library's numbers went up. Escobedo asked how well novelist select integrates with BiblioCommons. McMahon shared disparity in customer feedback with regards to BiblioCommons.

Bankhead brought up open source regarding the budget, i.e. can we reduce costs by going in this direction, Bankhead deferred signing budget and was asked by other members why. Kenton asked: "what is the concern?"

Bankhead explained why Sierra as a system and rising costs are difficult for SRPL to support. Ghorka has concerns with any change at all, and questions what might be possible for changing the cost sharing instead. McMahon pointed out that BiblioCommons does not integrate w Koha currently. McMahon has concerns with why we should look at alternatives to Sierra. Cenic was a difficult change "that almost destroyed MARINet". Abbott proposes that we look at alternatives and that Bankhead could organize that. Brenner is ok with looking at alternatives, however Mill Valley

can't necessarily pay more if cost sharing changes. Bankhead agreed that SR gets a lot of value out of MARINet. Dan voiced concerns about Bankhead not signing the budget. McMahon suggested that the Open Source discussion should be agendized at a future meeting. Kenton asked whether we should be considering an RFP and Escobedo suggested that we at least examine the alternatives.

Trenary volunteered to assist with looking at Open Source and to move forward with a task force to look into ILS alternatives. Escobedo, Bankhead and Trenary will assist on the task force.

#### B. NorthNet Invoices and LinkPlus admin fees

Dan will be talking to Carol Frost and Andrew re Northnet bill. If you have already paid let Dan know. Chambers suggested that we consider this taken care of and that NorthNet might need to re-invoice us.

#### C. Overdrive Sale to KKR

KKR is a Private equity firm who purchased Overdrive from Rakutan. Chambers expressed disappointment, and asked if the customer service will remain constant? Are we vulnerable depending on what could happen? Ghorkha asked if we could go back to 3M cloud? Escobedo came from a library with advantage accounts in Overdrive. He suggested that when Rakutan owned Overdrive they had more investment in ebooks because Rakuten produced e-readers. Escobedo opined that, Libby app is not quite where it needs to be. Trenary related that Overdrive Rep Kevin Coon assured Jessica that Steve Potash is indeed still running the company and thinks that good things could come out of the change. Trenary pointed out the change from 3M cloud to Overdrive was a good example of moving content. Escobedo advocated for the new ability to share ebooks between Overdrive platforms - like they do in 3M cloud.

#### D. Park passes: More libraries interested?

The Park Pass program consists of Marin County Parks, Marin Municipal Water District, and CA State Parks. White explained that these passes allow patrons to park cars and not have to pay. White showed examples of what the park passes look like. White shared that they were shocked by the popularity of the park passes, especially the county park passes. Sausalito has been doing their own park passes. San Rafael has also already been providing Parks Passes.

#### E. Delivery contract and Sprint issues (MARINet, MCFL, NorthNet)

Trenary: Trevor the driver had a bad incident at Bel-Tib. If Trevor is unhappy and doesn't want to do the job, what are the alternatives? Owner of company says costs have increased - says that the company needs to increase what they are charging MARINet by 25-30%. Will we need to look at alternatives? White and Leslie (accountant) called NorthNet and found out that NorthNet has interim contract. White suggested that we also look at an interim contract the same way NorthNet does. Trenary spoke with driver Bill - possibly he might take over MARINet contract etc. Investigating insurance etc. Trenary and MacMahon say that we can pay the increase, but that the price was artificially low. MCFL, MARINet and NorthNet are the core of

Sprint's business. Sprint says they will shut down on Feb 9th if they don't get an increase.

Action Item: Motion to approve paying increase - Brenner moves, Kenton seconds.  
Passed unanimously

JPA discussion - McMahon has been looking at a bunch of other JPA's - still working on it. SCCDL, Santa Cruz, Black Gold etc. County ones have some interesting features. MacMahon will put them up on Thurston. Chambers asked. "Do we still had a JPA have a task force? What can we do to work on this continuously?" Chambers suggested that we do a deep dive on the cost sharing formula.

## VI. Standing Items for the agenda

### A. System Administrator's Report

McMahon leaned upon staff re staff abuse of LinkPlus renewals. Staff have corrected their behavior. Trenary is still working on Biblioweb - development of websites for consortia - MARINet could be a test site thus we would be getting a discount etc.

Contra Costa County ransomware attack - MARINet has been protecting against attacks. Currently hackers are constantly trying to get into the system. Kenton asked if anyone doing staff training on security awareness.

### B. Topics for Future Agenda

JPA, Additional Book drops, ILS next steps, Delivery, RFID  
DRWG will be coming next month to make recommendations.

## VII. Non-Action Items

There were none.

## VIII. Announcements

**SRPL** - Hiring new supervisor for Mall/PW **MVPL**-Read it and Weep website, Ali Birnbach leaving for Ygnacio Valley library in WC, 4 fulltime vacancies. Another round of poetry illuminated. **MCFL**- doing equity grant work today. Many openings at MCFL. **SAU**- just hired a new Children's/YA librarian Julianne Randall. Had first death cafe 1/15/20 - program for older adults to talk about death. Response was off the charts. **San Anselmo**: Interviews for Library Assistant 1 fulltime - had 39 applicants. Added simple puzzles to children's room. **Dominican**: on break, classes out, slowest time, done a lot of weeding - everything to Internet Archive and getting website or those. One librarian position open - ref and archive **COM**: still on break. moving to temporary location. **Bel/Tib** - Jacki Dunne and Patty McDonogue retire. Hired Laura Callahan as head of Technical Services. Jacki meeting with Architects. **Larkspur**: Short two librarians, Franklin's second week on the job. Questions from Franklin: "Who is doing shelf ready? Who is doing online summer reading?"

Meeting adjourned at 11:40 am.

Minutes submitted by H. Bankhead, SRPL.