

MARINet Board Meeting –Minutes

June 2, 2022 Online meeting

Approved by the MARINet Board on July 7, 2022

Present: Henry Bankhead, Anji Brenner, Franklin Escobedo, Linda Kenton, Abbot Chambers, Gary Gorka, Lana Adlawan, Joey Della Santina, Dan McMahon.

Absent: Sarah Frye

Guests: none

Meeting called to order at 12:01 p.m.

Approval of minutes for May 5, 2022 meeting, unanimous.

Reflections on the Patty Wong discussion in the January retreat: Are we serving the whole community? How do we adjust to change as a consortium? One thing MCFL and SRPL have done is a joint Summer Reading Program. Could all of MARINet do that? Do we need a strategic plan to address how we serve the County? Some libraries have a boutique approach to summer reading to serve their communities more closely. This would be a good topic for the Children's Services Working Group. Should there also be a joint teen and adult summer reading program?

There is a discussion on whether to add a collaboration item to the agenda. One Book One Marin is a chasm on this, nothing replaced it. COM is doing a big One Book read, if we had the discussion ongoing we might have all joined on something like that. We need more cross promoting events, and more ways to discuss DEI issues. Like the one teen even that was cooperative by the Teen Services Working Group in 2019, we should do more of that. Services to homebound adults, H&HS is willing to pick up books and deliver them, there are services that fall between libraries, or on several of them equally.

RFID Project Update: Lori Ayre is offering a contract extension for FY23, to cover the selection and setup of an AMH sorter at Tech Services. We'd budgeted \$6,400 for her already, but selecting the sorter and writing up the RFQ are more complex, so we are asked to increase the contract to \$29,400 to cover that. This should take us to the end of the project, or very close to it. We are working on how to clear down the space needed for this in technical services, which involves relocating about 8 staff workstations somewhere else in the facility.

Moved to approve Lori's FY23 contract at \$29,400, seconded, Yes: BET DUC LRK MCFL MVY SAN SRF SAU. No: none. Motion Passes.

Report from Cost Sharing Working Group: We'll have a report in July, the survey did go out to directors.

Regional Working Group: No new info this month. PLP seems like it would be a huge deal, financially and in getting approvals. Who would directors talk to at the state library about this issue?

Baker & Taylor's Diversity Tool and Collection HQ: Marin County Free Library has CHQ, San Rafael is exploring it. Mill Valley would like the diversity tool. It's about \$45k for the CHQ and Diversity Tool for everyone, there are other menu options too. They'd refund MCFL their contract if MARINet subscribes. The shared option (by funding formula) does increase the MCFL cost a bit, but they're willing to go there. Everyone would get their own CHQ instance plus the DEI tool. If the first year is paid from the

Sinking Fund we don't need to decide on partitioning the bill yet. The Diversity Tool is potentially useful to the academics. Is the proposal this a multiyear contract or year to year? We can consider it but it's not an action item this month. We will vote on this at the next meeting.

Related to this issue, cancelling Decision Center should be looked at separately. It is useful but we are paying over \$50k per year due to a decade of 5% increases. We'll discuss this at a later meeting, but we could use the DC money for CHQ.

LGBTQ Affinity Groups: Jill Tokotumi of San Rafael joins the meeting: Staff tend to feel isolated about LGBTQ issues, as they're often the "only one" at their library. A group to just counter this isolation and develop connections would be good. There could be collaboration around programming but mostly not looking for another workload. Around the table, people are happy to have their libraries take part. If Board approves action item at next meeting, Jill will move ahead with organizing and scheduling it. Should it include extra hire folks? The feeling around the table is yes. The group could start on zoom, so there's no travel time.

MCFL Community Survey: Jessica Trenary joins the meeting: In the MCFL Community Survey results, she looked for MARINet related comments, grouped into categories like delivery, and Overdrive. The comments were really positive, and cast a very wide net of topics. This info should help the librarians in practical ways. The physical item and e-item patrons are definitely two distinct groups, but seem to be merging slowly. Both groups want more money spent on their content.

FY 2022-23 Vice Chair needed: Lana of Marin County Free Library is willing to volunteer, motion that she be vice chair next year. Motion passes, Lana is Vice Chair for FY 22-23.

Equity discussion: Gary: Dominican University really wants to do more than make statements and outline policies. Dominican hired a new archivist 2 years ago from Humboldt State, who has worked with Indigenous people's groups. They found a chest of Coast Miwok artifacts in the archive, from construction on the gym facility. The archivist then connected with the Coast Miwok Tribal Council, this has become a powerful connection. They set up a JTF, the University Tribal Circle, whose primary purpose is to acknowledge that we're on Miwok land. There needs to be a process of reconciliation about that. There was a Coast Miwok village on the site now occupied by Dominican's campus.

Systems Report: We could use Brown Act updates, as much to learn the existing law as to find out to what extent are issues around remote meetings being addressed? Lana says that the County will be doing a refresher on the Brown Act for staff. County committees are returning to meeting in person but looking at changes to rules, to see if they can do hybrid meetings going forward. For now, we should indicate on the agenda if something is an action item, if there's going to be a vote of the Board.

Topics for future meetings: email Franklin or Dan.

We will add a vote for the affinity group, would give weight to the group and show director support. CHQ, Decision Center also come back.

Announcements:

Bel Tib Library: Sept. 17 is the opening date, for the whole building.

Dominican Univ.: Summer will be for construction, they're moving the library into one side of building.

Larkspur: The new librarian starts in July. They've moved the furniture back into the library.

Marin County: All branches will be closed on Jan 10 for All Staff Day, which starts online and is followed with a picnic at McNear County Park.

Mill Valley: Thanks to Henry for a year of being Board chair.

San Anselmo: Second to that, he should be getting a logo coffee mug. The new circ supervisor is working out well. The whole staff is reading "So You want to Talk About Race" at staff meetings.

San Rafael: Staff did 2 presentations at CLA.

Sausalito: The Mezzanine level will be closed for a while, as they're working on water leak.

The meeting is adjourned at 1:47 p.m.