

MARINet Board Meeting – Minutes

Aug. 4, 2022 Online Meeting

Approved on Oct. 6, 2022

Present: Franklin Escobedo (chair), Anji Brenner, Chantel Walker, Crystal Duran, Henry Bankhead, Gary Gorka, Dan McMahon

Absent: Abbot Chambers, Linda Kenton, Sarah Frye

Guests: None.

Public comments: Bill Hale emailed Dan, and said that he wished our MARINet Overdrive could be more like SFPLs, with popular titles appearing sooner in the catalog so holds can be placed earlier.

Approval of minutes for 7/7/22. There is a discussion of minutes, should they be shorter, like only action items? That might be too short, it is good to have a record of what happened, decisions made, but they could be shorter. Only some topics require any detail. Minutes for July 7, 2022 approved unanimously.

Exec Committee Report: The new ideas are that we should find a way that staff can report out to the Executive Committee. And the Committee should have the actual agenda up on the screen so that we can complete it during the meeting.

Staff Working Groups: Do all the working groups need to be reconstituted? The Children's group, should it be meeting at all if SRPL has no Children's Department? Same with Circulation Working Group, has it become "entrenched" in continuing current practices? Should we have other groups instead like programming or services? MARINet staff asks, what is the relation of the working groups with the ILS? The purpose of the original groups was setting standards for common practices, notably in circulation and bib records. With DRWG it's also effectively managing the list of shared subscriptions, very successfully in recent years. There are also training aspects to the groups.

Going forward, what's the vision? We should get input from staff. Anji suggests that we ask the current groups what they think is working, what is the mission as they see it? Henry says the WG members are invested in their own continuance. His proposal is to have an immediate hiatus, and gather information, to come up with other kinds of organizing principles. Dan replies that the DRWG and CWG are helpful and have a lot of stuff to do, they give inputs to the board at almost every meeting and DRWG is part of the budget process. Anji says, it's kind of a jolt to just stop everything. Crystal asks, has the XC discussed this? Not really. How to move forward? A lot of stuff WGs do can be done by email. But these groups do use email lists extensively now.

Action: Form an ad-hoc committee to gather input and make a proposal on the WGs. Purposes, goals, agendas. Crystal, Franklin, MCFL (represented by Chantel or Lana).

Cost Sharing Working Group: This group will meet next month. They're not sure if they'll have a plan ready for this January (our next FY24 Cost Sharing is due) , but the group will let us know as soon as possible if there are scenarios to test.

Regionals Working Group: Will report next month.

Dominican RFID Reimbursement: As this requires a unanimous decision, the Board will defer until we have all members. It's OK if this goes another month. Related as to finances, we will give Decision Center another year to subscribe, and will be setting up Collection HQ now for everyone.

E-commerce updates: Should we keep the BiblioCommons files module for another year? The CWG did ask that we make no changes to the online systems right now, not this year. After discussion the Board agrees, and we'll keep it and look again before the next renewal comes up and we have more fines data to look at.

Collaboration/Partnership discussion: The leading concepts for collaboration now are equity programming and Summer reading. Belvedere Tiburon got a sustainability grant, does anyone want to partner with them? Adding CHQ is a good example, staff give an update on the setup there. (MCFL and SRPL are set up, and we're sending them all the updates they need now for every library, this happens every Monday.) Anji asks when it'll be available, and we are guessing maybe a month to get up and running.

Equity: MCFL: Energizing our Support Organizations for Equity. We are sharing our perspectives with these organizations. Are the support organizations doing any of the same things as the libraries? Are they dedicating any actual funds to equity-related actions? How do we support the non-profit organizations that support us? How do you navigate the politics of these organizations? We don't want to alienate them. Discussion of fund raising and expectations.

System Administrator's Report: Just the hacking of the e-card forms to report, about 300 bad cards were generated. We've rebuilt the online e-card forms completely in the last two days, and they're just for internal use now. Jessica and Dan met with Quipu, to start that process, so in maybe six to eight weeks we can replace Library Market cards online cards. In other work, we are just starting on the budget for next year, which is due to hand to this group in January.

Topics for next meeting:

- JPA discussion comes back
- Staff report thing on the way we prepare for these meetings
- Revisit Aspen
- Agenda script for meetings. (Questions for the board etc.)
- Agenda construction process

Announcements:

Belvedere Tiburon: Sept. 17 is the building's grand opening. The whole building.

Dominican: On Aug. 31 everyone will be shoved into cubicles in the back of the library. A year after that it's all done.

Marin County: The library is on the November ballot for the renewal of the funding measure.

Larkspur: The Library Foundation is \$600k away from the \$5 million mark.

San Rafael: The library is not doing a tax measure for a new building, but there is \$1 million from the State to spend by 3/24. It will be used for some of the building issues in the downtown Carnegie Library.

Meeting is adjourned at 1:29 p.m.

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