

MARIN COUNTY FREE LIBRARY

Wednesday, January 13
Corte Madera Library
-- PROPOSED MINUTES --

- (1) CALL TO ORDER
Meeting called to order at 7:00 p.m.

- (2) ROLL CALL/INTRODUCTION OF NEW COMMISSIONERS
Present
Linda Ward Ann Laner Kaplan Margaret Kathrein
Clifford Jacobs Anya Schandler Barbara Schoen
Sally Hauser Alison Howard Arthur Whitman-Bradley
Nick Javaras Loretta Farley Joel Fugazzotto

Absent with Notification
Tyrone H. Cannon

Also Present
Sara Jones, Director of County Library Services
Scott Bauer, Deputy Director of County Library Services
Edna Guadiana, Senior Secretary

- (3) ADOPTION OF AGENDA
M/S/C – Farley/Hauser agenda approved as submitted

- (4) ADOPTION OF MINUTES
M/S/C – Ward/Kaplan minutes approved as submitted.

- (5) OPEN TIME FOR PUBLIC EXPRESSION
NONE

- (6) READING AND CORRESPONDENCE FILE –
Reading folder routed for everyone to read

(7) CORTE MADERA REPORT

a. Julie Magnus, Branch Manager gave a brief report sharing a few highlights and happenings at the Corte Madera branch,

1. Julie wished everyone a Happy New Year!
2. Centennial Year in CMA
 - ✓ The library is participating -- exhibiting Panoramic Pictures of CMA
 - ✓ Illustrated lecture on January 23 by Laurie Thompson & Jana Haehl:
 - ✓ CMA The Way we Were
 - ✓ Exhibit of Historic Images of CMA, curated by Laurie Thompson (sample Owl's Wood)
 - ✓ Later in spring, exhibit of student art from CMA Schools commemorating the centennial

There will be many events throughout the year, and we are pleased to help kick-off the celebration! More info is on the website, www.cortemadera100.com . Coming soon, www.cortemaderamemories.org

3. Bike and Stroller Parking Project is near completion-- well used!
4. Technology – Chromebooks pilot is coming soon.
5. Cello Collection -- Building on the “opening day” collection we created for our reopening after remodeling in late 2014, CMA will be embarking on a one year pilot to enhance our marketplace with an additional browsing collection of books.

The Cello Collection will include adult, teen and children’s books and support the goal of providing a high-quality browsing experience. Selections will include current fiction and non-fiction for adults, teens and children, with a focus on books of local interest and in the media (e.g. featured on NPR, at Book Passage, Early Word). This collection is funded through the Cello Endowment, which specified use of the donation specifically for materials at the Corte Madera Library.

6. Donation for audiobooks from the Robert and Kaye Hiatt Fund
7. Newbery Guess outreach -- librarians spoke to over 1200 3-8th graders about books that might win the Newbery Award, and we had a contest for students to vote for the books they thought would win.
8. For OBOM, CMA will have a potato-growing contest, picking up on the struggle for nutrition chronicled in *The Martian*. The Marin Master Gardeners will judge the plants, and there will be Mr. Potatohead prizes for our young participants. This activity reinforces learning about the sciences (STEAM) for our students.
8. Community agencies welcome in our space: Town of Corte Madera, CHP, Marin County Communities: Mobilization for Change on Alcohol Coalition, 2nd unit housing (helping seniors stay in their homes by developing second unit), etc.

After a brief question and answer period, President Schoen thanked Julie for her presentation.

(8) OLD BUSINESS

- a. Update on MCFL/Marin County Equity Plan: Director Jones announced that the Marin County Free Library has received a “Be the Dream, award from Marin Grassroots and Human Rights Commission, for our exemplary leadership in the advancement of equity in Marin County. The Library along with 4 other County Departments; Parks, Probation, Health & Human Services and Public Works had worked on advancing equity issues in Marin. The goal is to make sure everyone in Marin, especially children have the same opportunities. The three areas we are concentrating on are: W. Marin, Marin City and Novato. A good example of what the library is doing is releasing children’s fees (numbers have gone up since we implemented, trying to ensure that all our branches receive the same number of materials, opening the Marin City library 2 days a week, expanded hours at the West Marin branches; opening the Fairfax library on Fridays; and we have increased our reach to all ages for encouraging English as a second language particularly in Novato and West Marin. Another thing that the library is doing is working on getting every child in Marin a library card – to date the White Hill Middle school in Ross Valley is complete, the W. Marin and elementary school in Inverness are complete and we are very close to complete in Marin City. Novato will start in the high school with the rest of the 8,000 students in the school district to follow close behind. Working on upgrading our broadband access. Some of statistics reported on today are taken from Portrait of Marin 2012. We are still working on wifi hotspots. We offer English language learning classes; Reading on the ranches; assisting undocumented workers obtain a driver license; early Literacy program provided by FLAGShip staff. Director Jones ended her program by sharing a copy of a group picture of everyone who attended our last All Staff Day on September 25.

(9) NEW BUSINESS

- a. Community Ed Center/South Novato Library Grand Opening, January 29 & 30 President Schoen reported that Friday, January 29 will be the official ribbon cutting ceremony for the South Novato library. We have a partnership with the Novato Unified School District who will take a lead on this. We will be having an open house on Saturday, January 30, for the community. Both the Bookmobile and the FLAGShip will also be there, along with a food truck.

President Schoen reported that staff at the Novato library had applied and were awarded a grant in the amount of from the Veteran’s Administration for a veteran’s resource center so anyone in Marin County can apply for assistance in entering the job market. In response to a question regarding the model classroom, Sara responded that this is where the SNO popup used to be and has 2 classrooms a large and small one. The smaller one has a lot of computers and a digital sound booth, so students can record video and audio. The model classroom (larger one) is where the popup SNO branch used to be, and the school district wants to use this is to look at best practices to see how they can make all their classrooms across the board work, and they also want to do some virtual things; and teacher training. All the chairs and tables in the maker space are movable. Sara encouraged all Commissioners’ to come on either day, or just one day preferably on Saturday morning.

(10) PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR JANUARY

President Schoen reported that her grandchildren who were visiting her for Christmas had a good time at the art table activity in the Novato library. President commended our library staff for winning the Dream Award which honors those who promote equity & diverse through the programs offered at our libraries. Director Jones added that the library purchased 2 tables of 10 for this event, and of this number 13 were children and their parents, 7 were staff members, plus 3 supporters of the library, including President Schoen.

President Schoen

(11) DIRECTOR'S REPORT FOR JANUARY

Director Jones shared the following:

- a. Personnel: At their last meeting in December, the MARINet board approved the addition of a full time Library Technical Assistant II position to coordinate Link+ for all of MARINet. This position will be funded at the start of the next fiscal year, i.e. July 2016.
- b. Will be attending National Convening, January 18 and 19, 2016 on ConnectED by invitation of the Whitehouse with Deputy Superintendent Karen Maloney of the Novato Unified School District. We hope to
- c. Sara gave a brief update on the status of the Marin History Museum.

(12) ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✓ President Schoen announced that the Book Place in Novato is having their ½ off Book Sale on January 29 -31.
- ✓ 1B1M kickoff event is scheduled on February 2 at the Book Place. This year's book is the Martian.
- ✓ Next meeting is scheduled at the new SNO location – 6pm is the Measure A with a regular Library Commission meeting to follow @ 7pm.

(13) ADJOURNMENT – M/S/C Jacobs/Navaras – Meeting adjourned @ 8:25 pm