

MARINet Board Meeting

March 15, 2012

History Museum, San Anselmo City Hall

Board Members Present:

Abbot Chambers, Sausalito
Anji Brenner, Mill Valley
Sarah Houghton, San Rafael
Gary Gorka, Dominican
Scott Bauer, Marin County
Linda Kenton, San Anselmo
Frances Gordon, Larkspur
Deb Moehrke, MARINet

I. Public Comment Period:

There was no one present from the public.

II. Introduction of any guests:

Deb Moehrke welcomed Dan McMahon from the MARINet office. Scott Bauer is attending the meeting in place of Gail Haar.

III. Approval of minutes from the February 22, 2012 meeting:

Minutes unanimously approved with minor corrections (SH/FR.)

IV. Old Business

A. Approval of FY12/13 Operating Budget

Approved unanimously (AB/AC.)

B. Overdrive Collection development and funding

Dan reported that after a holiday boom, things seem to be leveling off a bit. Holds queues are staying short and wait time is down. Dan reported 726 outstanding holds.

Another month's data should assist in determining whether the holds queue should be tweaked manually to fine tune when additional copies are purchased. It was agreed to revisit this at a later Board meeting.

V. New Business

A. Mobile Catalog applications

Dan presented a comparison of mobile catalog applications including Boopsie, an enhanced version of Boopsie, Airpac and one manually created with CSS.

After discussion, it was agreed to stay with the current Boopsie product and move this topic to a future agenda item after Sierra is implemented.

B. Database negotiations

Dan reported on the status of various database negotiations. At this point the only notable non-productive negotiation is Mango languages, where the price proposal remains too high.

C. RFP for courier service

The board discussed parameters for the RFP MARINet will send out shortly to solicit proposals for new courier services.

D. Budget change resolutions, if needed

There were no budget change resolutions.

E. Other Non-Action Items

Anji and Linda reported that the North Bay Consortium voted unanimously to do away with Supersearch. MARINet libraries will continue to be Northnet members at a minimum level but the fee structure has not yet been decided.

VI. Standing Items for the Agenda

A. System Administrator's Report

Deb reviewed information in the system administrator's report.

B. Correspondence

The most recent peer review report, known as a system review report for CPA Larry D. Johnston was received.

C. Topics for Future Agenda

VII. Announcements

Sausalito – Abbot Chambers

- a) Circulation is nosing up since bestsellers collection was launched. Foot traffic is up.

Dominican – Gary Gorka – No announcements.

San Rafael – Sarah Houghton

- a) No update on Director Recruitment.
- b) New exterior signage is up.
- c) New partnership with Terrapin Crossroads restaurant is in the works.
- d) San Rafael Public Library will be featured in an upcoming CBS news segment on the Internet Archive.

Mill Valley – Anji Brenner

- a) Anji reported on a successful Teen Poetry slam March 1 which received a write-up in the Marin IJ.
- b) John Korty will be the next First Friday presenter, speaking on “the Spectrum of Cinema”

Larkspur – Frances Gordon

- a) Public discussion of 3 acres of public land coming up with possible use for the library. Process begins May 16.

Marin County Free Library – Scott Bauer

- a.) MCFL is getting ready to hire a teen librarian in Novato.

San Anselmo – Linda Kenton

- a) Action was taken on removing the \$.50 hold fee and was well received by the public

The meeting was adjourned at 11:55am.

Respectfully submitted by Gary Gorka