

Minutes for Library Advisory Board
September 20, 2017

- Meeting called to order by Chair, Marc Komer at 12pm
- Present: Marc Komer, Shawn Haven, Olga O'Neill, Michael Schaffer, Dolly Priley, Ann Rennacker, Pearl Watts, Karen Horner, Susan Bradley, Michel Bison Savoy, Supervisor Carrie Brown, Mo Mulheren, Lynn Zimmerman, Marna Kerney, Jill Lyon, Rosanna (Tech), Janelle Rau, Norma and Jenna (Children's Librarians)
- Minutes of 7/19 Meeting approved
- Agenda approved
- Library Director's Report: Summer reading programs were a success, Point Arena is being retrofitted so they held their program at the Theater across the street. There was a change of delivery companies that became a problem, so the old delivery company was contracted again and things are better. In July there were Harry Potter Birthday parties which were a success. During hot weather the Libraries were cooling centers. The Ukiah staff reported on the conference they attended, and told about raising some Monarch butterflies. On First Friday they hosted an art fair, did STEM programming for kids, held crafting events and board games and treasure hunts. Teens had open Mic and games that used their devices. Banned Book week is coming up soon in all Branches. Karen is now spending 10% of her time at the Museum in Willits and that time is paid out of a special fund because Allison Glassey is leaving, so Karen is being paid for her Museum time out of a special fund until the H/R hires a Museum Curator, a position that never existed before. Karen approves more duties for Barb to take on when she is busy.
- Fort Bragg update- The property behind the Branch Library is having an appraiser from the Fine Woodworking School look at the old Growth Redwood paneling and beams in the house, they are clearing the lot, and doing some fundraisers. The Flynn Creek Circus did a benefit on Friday Sept 1, which made over \$2,000 and the booksales on Labor Day made another \$13,400, so the loans are getting paid down. Advertisements and requests for donations are going out in some new advertisements. An architect drawing by Dave Barnes shows a concept of a new building connected by a glass entry on the West side.
- A87 committee- Dolly contacted Mike Dillon, the California State lobbyist who gave advice about the payment of the Library Director out of the general fund instead of the A87 tax fund for Libraries. It is not really clear if the LAB has concrete grounds to push for this issue, which the CEO feels strongly about. After discussion, we decided that since our Library budget is now more solid that we will not push this issue now.

- Tour - We had a complete tour of the Ukiah facility, and Carrie Brown was shown many needs to upgrade the building. There has been much deferred maintenance for the past 7 years, but now upgrades are being planned. Complaints were issued about a leak, which was not found in the roof. But walls and the carpet showed stains. Workers became ill, and the Library in Ukiah had to be closed for 2 days so Marc wrote a letter to Supervisor McGowan which Carrie felt was somewhat negative. There were unresolved security issues and the firm they hired was dismissed after some violent incidents. The BOS felt they had not been properly informed so Carrie agreed that if she is contacted she will respond. This happened on a Holiday weekend when Karen was not in cellphone range, so the next highest authority will be notified if this sort of thing happens again. Health and safety must be a priority so the Leadership team needs to work together. Finances are better now, so the maintenance that has been deferred for the past 7 years will start getting addressed. There is no grant writer to get funds to expand, repair and the issue of an effect on groundwater must be addressed for major changes. Tests for that sort of thing cost \$500,000 and must go through the Department of Water Resources and the Grants are very competitive!

Next meeting will be a BOS/LAB advisory meeting on November 13th in Ukiah, our first this year.

Submitted by Ann Rennaker, LAB member 4th District (in substitution for Janice Marcell, recording secretary)