

San Anselmo Library Advisory Board

meeting minutes of May 28, 2015

The meeting was called to order by board president Doug Holm at 4:32 pm. Those present were Tina Kroot, Doug Holm, Judy Anderson, Scott Fletcher, Elihu Welber, Kathleen Hiatt Cutter, youth member Pete Galli, and librarians Linda Kenton and Serianna Leyland.

No public members were present for the meeting. The minutes were approved unanimously.

Discussion Items:

Library Centennial “Culminating Event”

Serianna Leyland, librarian, attended to discuss ideas for the Centennial culminating event for Tundstead Live. She presented a murder mystery dinner as a possibility. Her research narrowed it down to murderproductions.com, a company that could provide the theatrical production for \$1950 for a crowd of 40 to 50 people. The library only can seat 24 so renting the seminary's 110 capacity banquet room was discussed. The seminary's caterer would have to be employed. The idea was shelved due to a number of reasons including cost, age requirements, and funding.

The board members determined that the event could be moved from the library to accommodate more than 24 attendees if necessary. A no host bar and free soft drinks were considered for inclusion at this event. Possible dates for the event are October 16 or 23 or November 6 of 2015, all of which are Friday nights. Usually there are approximately 50 attendees for the Tundstead Live events.

Other ideas were discussed including pairing up with a local acting school or production such as the Mountain Play or hosting a radio show such as “Says You.” The most interest was for a trivia night. Mill Valley's library has sponsored such an event. Doug Holm offered to inquire into companies that put on trivia nights. Board members suggested that they would be willing to run it. Different rooms in the library can be for different genera of questions.

Librarian's report:

1. Fine schedule changes:

Marin County Free Library, San Rafael and Sausalito's libraries have eliminated fines for children's materials. San Anselmo library hopes to reduce its fines to be “more in line” with other Marin County libraries (please see chart below).

Master Fine Schedule Proposed Changes

Material/ Fine Type	Prior	Proposed
Adult Max. Fines	\$15.00	\$10.00
Adult DVD Max. Fines	\$15.00	\$14.00
Juvenile Max. Fine	\$7.50	\$5.00
Juvenile DVD Max. Fines	\$15.00	\$7.00
Juvenile Max. Daily Overdue Fines	\$1.00	\$.50
Color Print outs	N/A	\$.75

Other fines to be considered is a \$0.75 per page charge for a color print to be printed from the library's new color printer. This is in line with other Marin library and local business charges for color printing.

Fee changes will be brought to the Town council's second meeting of June 2015 for approval.

The Marin net office ran the fines collected at San Anselmo library. The total fines collected over a 13 month period was \$44,000. Of that \$22,000 remains at San Anselmo library, the rest is absorbed by the library system. Fines from children's library materials is \$9000 of the general fund, too substantial an amount to eliminate completely.

Confusion is expected as some children's items will be fined, by San Anselmo library, and some not fined by three libraries. Anticipated questions include "why don't you drop fees like the San Rafael library?" Kenton mentioned that appropriate replies will be developed.

The change in fee schedule by the other libraries was not formally discussed by Marin county's library consortium, it was simply announced. The impact of dropping fees has yet to be determined but may lead to fiscal issues. As San Anselmo has a library tax, it is fiscally responsible to the tax payers and the board discussed if a reduction of fees is fiscally responsible. It was noted that there was public commentary in the Marin IJ newspaper questioning what dropping fees for overdue library materials was teaching our children.

2. Linkplus fee renewal update:

Angie, the head librarian from the Mill Valley library, successfully argued an annual fee reduction for all Marin county libraries from \$103,000 to \$63,000. San Anselmo library's responsibility for Linkplus has dropped from \$11599 to \$4999. If College of Marin and Dominican University joins the service then San Anselmo's portion will be \$4400.

3. Stolen items:

The Independent Journal and the SF Chronicle has been stolen every May morning to date. The police have been notified and notices have been posted at the library. The Wall Street Journal and the New York Times papers have also been stolen. The police suggested mounting a camera to the existing wifi to deter possible thefts.

Four new “independent” genera DVDs/blu-rays have recently been stolen while their cases have been left behind. Eight “action and adventure” DVDs were stolen in Fall 2014.

4. Children's summer reading program:

The program kicks off June 18th. A Wednesday program is in place and this year children who complete the challenge will receive a gift certificate for Town Books.

Library kitchenette hot water issue:

This issue remains unresolved. It was determined that there was no thermostat, therefore nothing to adjust. Request to the Town Public Works Department for a hot water heating unit is pending.

Library Board sponsoring a “Picnic on the Plaza” event:

It was decided to scrap efforts in the board sponsoring such an event due to lack of interest, lack of funds, and lack of recognition by public who sponsors these events. The board has not previously sponsored one, these events will be held with our without the Library Board's sponsorship. It was noted that the library will have presence at the Country Day event and the 4th of July parade

Proposed Joint Meeting of Marin County Library Boards:

Jay from Mill Valley Library Board approached Kathleen Hiatt Cutter and Doug Holm to forming a joint meeting of all the county's library boards. Hiatt Cutter offered to contact Jay about meeting after attending the California state librarian's talk on July 9, 2015. All Marin county library staff, boards, and the Friends of the library will be

invited to attend this 3pm-5pm meeting. Detail to come.

This meeting is the last for youth member Pete Galli. He is considering applying for the Fall 2015 term.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 23 at 4:30 pm.

Meeting adjourned 6:02 pm