

San Anselmo Library Advisory Board

meeting minutes of January 25, 2018

The meeting was called to order by board chair, Doug Holm at 4:34 pm. Those present were Tina Kroot, Scott Fletcher, Judy Anderson, Kathleen Hiatt Cutter, Elihu Welber, Doug Holm, youth commissioner Liesl Schoenstein, and town librarian, Linda Kenton.

Minutes from November's 2017's meeting were approved with corrections.

No public members were present.

Discussion Items:

A. Librarian's Report

- Tunstead Live on Friday, February 9, at 7:30 will feature "Tango: A Romantic Ritual." The dance instruction, provided by San Anselmo's Alma Del Tango Studio, will be held in the library. Tango continues the focus on dance at Tunstead Live. Other evenings have and will focus on waltz, swing, and the fox trot. The dance programs are for both teens and adults.
- Movies for children, including *Finding Dory* (Feb. 21), *Despicable Me 3* (Feb. 22) and, *The BFG* (Feb. 23), will be presented at 1pm during the public schools' winter break in the library.
- Resilient Neighborhoods, a program to get neighborhoods to work together to reduce their carbon footprint, lower their energy bills, and prepare for emergencies will meet in the library on Tuesday, February 27, from 7 to 9 pm.
- Saturday, January 20, the sustainability committee of San Anselmo had a meet and greet. All 15 Sign up spots for the five session workshop series were filled. There is also a waitlist.
- Spanish story time was inaugurated in January and has been held on Saturdays. Due to low attendance the story time will be shifted to the first and third Tuesday of the month. Spanish story time is advertised by word of mouth, the town library website and on the sandwich board sign at the corner of Tunstead and San Anselmo Avenue. French story time is growing in popularity. Both storytimes are lead by paid non-San Anselmo library personnel.
- On Thursday, February 8, Marilyn Girodo will be demonstrating the pruning of the rose plants around the town hall and library buildings, the public is invited.
- Library fines for children's materials will be reviewed once again. Larkspur, San Rafael and a few other Marin county libraries do have amnesty for overdue children's items. The librarians will turn to Marinnet for data. Using this data, the San Anselmo may be able to track if the

library is negatively affected by charging late fees on children's materials. Other fee structures may be considered such as charging only for extremely late materials, withholding billing/charges until the unpaid balance reaches ten or more dollars. It may be worth noting that waived late fees by other libraries has affected funding of some special programming.

- LinkPlus is a popular and economical service for the San Anselmo library. It allows patrons to get many more materials than otherwise available within the Marinnet system.
- This year's One Book One Marin selection is *Strangers in Their Own Land: Anger and Mourning on the American Right* by UC Berkeley's sociologist Arlie Russell Hochschild. Hochschild will speak at One Book One Marin's open and closing events.
- On Tuesday, January 30th from 3:30-5:00 pm, 5th graders and their adults are invited to a bookmaking art workshop with The Cedars' instructor Lisa Zimmerman and a resident artist. Currently, The Cedars' artwork is displayed in children's room.
- The Friends of the Library is extremely important to the success of the library. They are instrumental for library fundraising, promotion of the library, mobilizing voters, informing patrons of library events, and more. Membership is decreasing possibly because San Anselmo residents feel that the parcel tax and bookstore are enough to keep the library in the black. For the January edition of *The Hoot*, Librarian Kenton wrote a short piece on the importance of the Friends of the Library and to appeal for new members. Library advisory board members suggested a follow up piece for *the Hoot* and the *Marin IJ* could report the history of the Friends of the Library and to invite new members.
- Library staffing continues to be stable, with intermittent outside hires to cover shifts of sick staff members.
- Librarian Kenton shared LinkPlus statistics including materials borrowed and lent in fiscal year 2016-17 and fiscal year 2017 to date. San Anselmo library lends more materials than they borrow.
- Librarian Kenton shared Marinnet's 2017 database statistics. These statistics are used by librarians representing Marinnet libraries to negotiate fees and to make recommendations. They make evident spikes in specific materials' usage, usage trends, and popularity or lack thereof of library offerings.

B. Teen library Council Report:

January's teen meeting was not held as many teens were out of town for the holiday school break.

During the December teen meeting, students considered new teen events, reviewed popular programs (ie. button making), as well as ways in which to extend outreach to middle schoolers.

The next teen meeting will be held Friday, February 2. The teens plan to work with the library's new

3D printer.

C. Friends of the Library Report:

There will be a sale tomorrow, Friday, January 26, of rare and special books from 12-2pm for Friends of the Library members. This sale is co-hosted by the Friends of the San Rafael library. The sale will continue on Saturday, January 27, from 9:00am-3:30pm at First Presbyterian Church in San Rafael. Library Advisory Board members suggested moving the sale of the rare and special books to evening hours to accommodate working individuals.

The lease of the Friends of the Library Town Book is up for renewal. The Friends of the Library will take a look at their income to determine if they will negotiate for a lease renewal which should occur in September of this year.

D. Board Comments, Questions, Requests for Future Agenda Items:

None noted.

Next meeting March 29, 2018 4:30pm

Meeting adjourned 5:48pm

Minutes by Kathleen Hiatt Cutter