



San Francisco Public Library

MINUTES
Council of Neighborhood Libraries
October 30, 2014
4:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes
CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Location: 190 – 9th Street, 3rd Floor Training Room

HOUSEKEEPING

- There will **NOT** be a meeting in November due to the Thanksgiving holiday.
- The CNL Holiday Party will take place on ***Thursday, December 11, 2014***
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Luis's Office, 6th Floor, Main Library.
- The next regular CNL Meeting will be on ***Thursday, January 29, 2015***,
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Literacy and Learning Center, 5th Floor, Main Library.
- The next Steering Committee Meeting will be on ***Tuesday, January 8, 2015***,
4:30 p.m., Room 601, Main Library
- The CNL Meeting on ***February 26, 2015*** will be held at North Beach Branch Library
- All other CNL Meetings will be held in the Hispanic Latino Room B, 4:00 pm – 5:30pm
There will **NOT** be a meeting in ***June 2015***.
- The next Library Commission is on ***Thursday, January 18, 2015***, 4:30 p.m., Koret Auditorium
- The following CNL members have volunteered to attend Commission Meeting:

Nina Youkelson – November 6

Ellen Egbert - December 4

Announcements:

- Martha Neves will be attending all future CNL Meetings. District Managers will be rotating in at each meeting.
- Today, Elsie Wong, North East District Manager is chairing the meeting.
- Susan Hildreth Article – requested by Ellen Egbert. Luis commented that it's a privilege to serve as Director of IMLS. Susan Hildreth has done a remarkable job in the four years as Director.
- January's CNL Meeting will be held in the Literacy and Learning Room at the Main Library

ACTION→ Ellen would like directions on how to find the Literacy and Learning Room.

Updates – Luis Herrera

- Luis says that the Learning Center for families is on the 5th floor along with some classroom space and Project Read. The space will be called “the bridge to Main” as one is literally walking through a bridge.
- Luis was invited to give a presentation on “Best Practices on Libraries” in the northern states and in Rio.
- He and his wife will be traveling for two weeks to present the presentations.

Friends of SFPL – Deborah Doyle

- Deborah would like everyone to let the Friends know of festivals / fairs occurring in the neighborhood. It would be great publicity for the library in the neighborhood. At the Bernal Heights Festival, Valerie Reichart, Branch Manager at Bernal Heights Branch distributed free children’s books.
- The event at the Ritz Carlton Hotel is still taking place on November 11.
- Deborah has received a few responses from the questionnaire that was sent out earlier on how branch transformations have improved the neighborhood.
- Don commented that the Portola Branch took off once there was a permanent librarian assigned at the Portola Branch. The librarian knew exactly what to do.
- Martha talked about the City’s slow process to move forward when a librarian retires or leaves from the branch. The candidate for the position would need to take a civil service test, be listed on a list and wait for positions to open up to be interviewed for.
- Edna James expressed concern on whether the library could meet all the public’s needs. There is also the concern that the library could be moving towards the social services model.
- Martha expressed that she be notified of any issues of concern.
- Elaine Cahn brought in flyers on “City Department Speakers’ Series –Know Your City” hosted by the SFPL on Tuesdays – 1pm – 2:30pm on Oct 28; Nov 18; Dec. 2 & 16.
- Deborah invited Elaine to speak at a spring workshop for a State organization on March 28. She’ll be in touch with Elaine.
- Edna James mentioned that since the library renovations; the library has provided “information” as a benefit to the community.
- Nina says the library is a beautiful, safe meeting place for the neighborhood.
- Marcia Ehrlich says the community embraces and loves their beautiful Park Branch.
- Don says the Portola Branch has a beautiful garden
- Martha added that Noe Valley and Mission Branch also have beautiful gardens.
- Nina also shared the Poet’s Program started by a poet named Jack Krishman that occurs at different branches each year on Tuesday evenings. Poets are selected to read their poems at different branches in their district. She encourages all to attend. Deborah mentioned that this program is sponsored by the Friends.
- June Drayton thought it was great for the Teens and Young People to have their own center.
- Ellen Egbert is interested in seeing some statistics on Circulating materials at the library.

ACTION→ Martha will check the SFPL website for statistics and provide a breakdown on materials and media for Ellen at the January meeting.

- Edna James is interested in “disaster planning” for people needing to know where to obtain infor.

ACTION→ Martha will bring info on the City’s “72 hr website” to the next meeting in January.

- Martha says “StoryTime” and “Do It Yourself” programs are well attended at the branches
- Martha also stated that the library has started terrific relationships with other city departments: Recreation and Park (Bookmobile), Department of Public Works, Department of the Environment, Department of Public Health, SF Unified School District (Teacher’s card program), Lunches and snacks are served at several branches including the Main.
- Soon, a member from the ARC (non-profit organization supporting individuals with developmental disabilities) will be begin working as a Library Page at Bernal Heights.

- Elsie mentioned an innovative, pilot program with Human Services (HASA Associates) and the Main where folks offer referrals for housing and other services. Eureka Valley and Park Branch are also offering this program. So far, the program has been very successful and Libraries all over the United States have called to learn how to start it.
- Deborah highly recommends CNL members introduce themselves to the Supervisor of their district. It is critical to let the Supervisors know of all the good things the library has be doing for the community.
- The Friends also provides financial assistance for library celebrations and anniversary parties.
- They are thinking of holding a grand finale party at Kezar Stadium and Martha suggested the title be “Thank You to the Community”.

Library Commission Report

- Ellen Egbert and Laura Bernabei attended the Commission Meeting on October 16, 2014.
- Two new commissioners will be great.
- Presentations on gardening at Portola and Mission Branch where shown.
- The Commission recognized “Linda Brooks Burton” as a STAR Librarian.

Corrections to Minutes:

- Change “plague” to “plaque” for Linda Brooks Burton on September’s Minutes
- Add June Drayton to CNL September Roster

Request listening device for Mariam Pavis - January meeting.

Adjournment: 5:28 pm

Respectfully submitted by Josephine Lee