



San Francisco Public Library

MINUTES
Council of Neighborhood Libraries
March 26, 2015
4:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes
CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Location: Latino Hispanic Room, Main Library, Lower Level

HOUSEKEEPING

- The next regular CNL Meeting will be on **Thursday, April 30, 2015**
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., North Beach Branch Library, 850 Columbus Avenue @Lombard St.
- The next Steering Committee Meeting will be on **Tuesday, April 21, 2015,**
4:30 p.m., Room 601 – Main Library
The Steering Committee is looking for another member to join them.
- The Library Commission Meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, April 16, 2015**
4:30 p.m. Koret Auditorium.
- The following CNL members volunteered to attend the Commission Meeting:
 - **Ellen Egbert** - April 16
 - **Larry Ware** - May 21
- CNL Meeting in June is cancelled.
- All other CNL Meetings in 2015 will be held in the Hispanic Latino Room, 4pm – 5:30pm

Announcements:

- **Bayview Branch Library** – Ceremony to rename Bayview Branch to Linda Brooks Burton Branch Library takes place on March 28 – 11am – 2pm
- **Effie Lee Morris Lecture** – with Guest Lecturer, Chris Raschka at the Koret Auditorium, Wednesday, April 8 – 6pm.
- **COB Position** – 6 applications have been received for the COB position. More to be expected.
- **ALA Update** – There will be tours at five branches: BAY, ORT, NBE, GGV, POT
- **Little Libraries** – doing very well
- **CNL Steering Committee** – Calling for another member so Ellen may take a break
- **Attendance Spreadsheet** – A big “thank you” to Josie Lee for creating CNL’s attendance spreadsheet
- Martha has invited the branch managers and district managers to attend CNL meetings on a rotating basis.

- Today, Denise Sanderson, Branch Manager from Noe Valley Branch Library; Beverly Hayes, Bayview's Branch Manager along with Lori Chan, North West's District Manager are present.

UPDATES

Public Library Director's Forum – Michael Lambert

- *Michael had the opportunity to attend the Public Libraries Forum held in Ontario, California. It was a great networking opportunity. The State Librarian was there to support libraries*

What's Next? Role of CNL – Addition of Main – Michael Lambert

Michael referred to Luis' memo from February 26 on the four roles/ responsibilities of the CNL members and wanted feedback from the members

Martha also mentioned that some of the wording for the Guidelines for CNL were changed but the meaning remains the same.

Sharing – Group Discussion - All

The group expressed and shared their thoughts and feelings on the roles of CNL –

-Larry Ware – says it's a wonderful idea to rotate branch managers and district managers in to the meeting. Larry took this time to thank the library community and commission in honoring Linda Brooks Burton and is looking forwards to the future.

Denise Sanderson – agrees that branch managers should rotate in at the meetings. She will help in recruiting members. She's known Nora Dowley and Ruth McGinnis from many years ago. Also has recently met Nina Youkelson.

Martha Neves – met Nina Youkelston when Martha's daughter was 4 years young. Nina was very loving to accept Martha's daughter into her Noe Valley Parent Co-Op Nursery School.

Lori Chan – This is Lori's first CNL meeting. She is happy to meet all the CNL members for the branches.
Beverly Hayes – This is also Beverly's first CNL meeting. She is happy to soak up as much as she can from the meeting.

Miriam Pavis suggested having the Commission members attend the CNL meeting.

Edna James – passed for the time being

Marcia Erhlich – met with the new branch manager to discuss what they could do for the branch

Nina Youkelson – When Nina worked at the Noe Valley Parent Nursery School, she and the kids loved taking walks to the Noe Valley Branch Library. When she retired and moved to the Bernal Heights district, she remained the CNL representative for Noe Valley because she loved the group and loved the idea of meeting once a month however, she very rarely visits the Noe Valley Branch.

Martha asked if Nina would like to represent another branch that does not have a representative. The answer is pending.

Deborah Doyle says the guideline and memo are fine. She did find it interesting that the Guidelines did not mention a relationship between the Council and the Friends. She hopes the Friends and the CNL can work together and perhaps be added to the Guidelines.

Marcia Popper – She second Deborah’s request to add the Friends to the Guidelines. She wondered if the Mission Statement could also be incorporated into the Guidelines. She says that if the Mission Statement and the Guidelines are a permanent piece until revisions are made, then names of specific people, Steering Committee members should NOT be in the Guidelines due to changes. She also suggested integrating Ellen’s list of excellent suggestions with Luis piece on roles and responsibilities.

Ruth McGinnis – She took over Noe Valley under the understanding of if no one else would help. She says the Guidelines are very clear. She suggests making the neighborhood aware of supporting its branch libraries. She thinks that branch managers should be aware of whatever the CNL members does for the libraries.

Laura Bernabei – It was great reading Ellen’s suggestions. Loves establishing contacts with the community and serving the branches.

Ellen Egbert - Basically, the CNL representatives need to be friends to the libraries. Since they are the ones that live in the neighborhood, they know their community best. Ellen would love to combine her suggested list with Luis list of roles and responsibilities. Ellen is hoping to have the CNL Welcome Kit put together to provide to new members when recruiting.

Larry Ware – mentioned that the New Children’s Hospital at Mission Bay put together an information packet on Mission Bay Branch for the buses to do outreach and promote services of the public library.

Martha Neves – agrees with having the Welcome Kits available at the branches

Lori Chan – agrees with Ruth and Ellen on giving suggestions/ referrals to Branch Managers on programming and potential presenters. CNL members can help the library with outreach.

ACTION—CNL members may volunteer at Park Branch’s tables for Sunday Streets coming up soon.

Miriam Pavis – expressed more publicity of CNL members is needed for the branches. When she gave her CNL card to a Senior Center, no one at the Center had heard of a CNL representative.

Michelle Jeffers – She is the contact person to put out more publicity on CNL representatives.

Edna James – She started with Merced but works across the street from Oceanview, thus is the CNL representative for Oceanview Branch. Edna suggests having a partnership with the Dept. of Recreation and Parks to enable books at the Merced Heights Park.

ACTION--Michelle Jeffers – will look into Little Libraries for Merced Heights Park.

Miriam Pavis has just returned from a trip to Australia. She shared her experience on visiting the **GLEBE Branch Library in Australia** and was touched by their welcoming with open arms. The GLEBE offered Miriam some gifts, such as two beautiful canvas book bags, buttons and book markers. She also was fed at the Seniors Feeding Program and was told they would like to keep in touch with her. Sadly, they do not have any CNL members.

Edna James suggested sending them a Welcome Kit.

Marcia Popper was in Portland, Oregon’s library where their architecture is fascinating and their climate would draw in people with its views and upscale Pac West coffee shop located next to the periodicals and newspaper racks. The children’s room is an indoor playground with all sorts of structures. Marcia was very impressed.

Nina Youkelson was reminded of her childhood library being very dark, poorly lit but very beautiful. She Wonders if people can write about their childhood experiences and how it's changed their lives, pushing kids along to places never reached. She would love to hear about people's first experiences with their libraries.

Marcia Popper mentioned StoryCorps – takes in stories

Friends Report Book Sale – Deborah Doyle (for Scott Staub)

- The Friends 5th annual spring book sale for member's preview sale and reception starts on Tuesday, March 31st at the Festival Pavilion in Fort Mason from 4-8pm. There will be wine and refreshments and attendees get first access to all the items.
- Everything is \$3 and under. Proceeds from the sale support the SFPL.
- Everything is \$1 on the last day of the sale, Sunday April 5th.
- The public dates and hours are April 1 -5, 10am – 6pm.

- A party to celebrate the completion of our beautiful branch libraries is planned on Saturday, April 4th from 11am – 2pm at Fort Mason Center in front of the Festival Pavilion. There will be live music, Off the Grid food trucks, fun activities and a short celebratory program at noon.

Library Commission Report – Ellen Egbert / Sue Blackman

- Ellen reported that the first part of the meeting was focused on The Mix. Teens spoke with enthusiasm of how wonderful it will be.
- Sue says that the meeting was great during the middle portion, however the overall, the meeting was “disturbing”.
- If you're planning to come to the next commission meeting, be prepared.

Martha thanked everyone for attending this meeting today. The meeting in April will be held at North Beach Branch Library.

Adjournment: 5:28 pm

Respectfully submitted by Josephine Lee