



San Francisco Public Library

MINUTES
Council of Neighborhood Libraries
April 30, 2015
4:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes
CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Location: North Beach Branch Library

CHAIR: Martha Arroyo-Neves

HOUSEKEEPING

- The next regular CNL Meeting will be on **Thursday, May 28, 2015**
4:00 p.m. – 5:30 p.m., Latino Hispanic Room, Main Library, Lower Level
- The next Steering Committee Meeting will be on **Tuesday, May 19, 2015,**
4:30 p.m., Room 601 – Main Library
- The Library Commission Meeting is scheduled on **Thursday, May 21, 2015**
4:30 p.m. Koret Auditorium.
- The following CNL members volunteered to attend the Commission Meeting:
- **Larry Ware** - May 21 and June 18
- CNL Meeting in June is cancelled.

Announcements:

- **Miriam Pavis**, CNL representative from Bayview Branch Library is in CPMC Hospital. Please stop by to visit.
- **Robert Carlson, Richard Le and Elizabeth Thacker**, Branch Managers are attending today's meeting.
- **Robert says Presidio is doing great with plenty of programs on Tai-chi, Japanese tea ceremonies, poetry, museum talks, etc.**
- **Benjamin Ibarra** – New public relations officer working with Michelle Jeffers is also here today. He is happy and excited to be working with SFPL. Feel free to contact him with any questions.
- **Recruitment Packet** – The CNL Recruitment Packet is almost completed. Benjamin Ibarra will begin working on the “History” document.
- **Recruitment Flyer** – Martha distributed a flyer to recruit CNL members at the branches. Soon there will be a larger, laminated flyer for each branch.
- **North Beach Anniversary Open House** – Richard Le announced the open house for North Beach Branch Library will be on Saturday, May 9.

10am – 6pm. Everyone is welcome to attend. There will be programs and performances, book binding, arts and crafts, red envelope workshops, poems on Italian food and love; Tech-Mobile, Bicycle Smoothie Maker and many more activities

ALA Volunteer Opportunities – Wednesday, June 24- There are two shifts available (9-12pm or 1-4pm). Send an email to Josie if interested in volunteering.

UPDATES

City Librarian's Report – Luis Herrera

- Luis was delighted when entering the North Beach Branch today as the room was filled with patrons and packed with children.
- He shared an article on New York's Public Library and their infrastructure consisting of three library systems: Staten Island (Manhattan, Bronx), Queens, and Brooklyn.
- \$1.4 billion is needed to upgrade, renovate and to build New York's library system safe and accessible. SFPL is very fortunate to have their BLIP completed.
- Luis also mentioned that President Obama spoke about the library's role in engaging youths in learning through e-books and library card's challenge. SFPL is one in thirty libraries nationally to push for every child to have a library card. The Mayor's Office and Superintendent of Unified School District plans to roll out the library challenge sometime this fall.
- Luis requested help from the CNL members to recruit the new Chief of Branches position. The panel will meet on Monday, May 11 from 1pm – 6pm. If interested, send your name to COB@sfpl.org.

Friends Report – Scott Staub

- The 5th annual spring book sale on April 4 grossed over \$200,000.
- The Donation Center on 438 Treat Street will be moving to 1630 – 17th Street during the summer due to major renovations and expanding space for sales.
- Scott will be stepping down from Executive Director to take a Chief Advancement Officer position with Parkinson's. He is feeling sad to leave, however, Deborah Doyle will step in his position as acting Executive Director.

Commission Report – Ellen Egbert

- Christy Estrovitz gave a wonderful report on Children's Programs.
- The relationship between the schools and the library is very positive. Supervisor Hydra Mendoza attended this meeting.
- The BLIP's Economic Impact Program hired the Controller's Office to access janitorial services in the library and found that more janitorial staff is needed to clean the libraries.

Sharing – Group Discussion - All

- **Don Thielges** (Portola) said that Nicole is thrilled to have a new library technician at the branch.
- **Ellen Egbert** (Bernal Heights) reported that the Linda Brooks Burton opening was wonderful. Linda's family members attended along with Edward Melton, representing the library community. The community danced in the street and was very warm and appreciative of this celebration

-Michael Lambert – is terrified that both **Martha Neves** and **Terry Gwiazdowski** are retiring. Martha and Terry has provided tremendous support to him and will miss them dearly.
The new fiscal year will begin with **Elsie Wong, Alice Chan and Lori Chan** at the COB office.
All CNL members are invited to have cake with Martha and Terry at the Branch Manager’s Meeting on Friday, June 5th at 11am in the Latino Hispanic Room, Main Library.

Martha thanked everyone for attending this meeting today. Today is her final meeting with the CNL.

Adjournment: 5:05 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Josephine Lee