



San Francisco Public Library

MINUTES
Council of Neighborhood Libraries
September 29, 2016
4:00 p.m.
Meeting Notes
CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Location: Latino Hispanic Room

CHAIR: Cathy Delneo, Chief of Branches

Attendees: Miriam Pavis (BAY) Excused, Larry Ware (BAY) Excused, Nina Youkelson (BHE) Excused, Marcia Parrott (EXC) Excused, Ruth Grabowski (EXC) Excused, Nora Dowley (GPA) Excused, Laura Bernabei (ING), Leiha Farhadi (ING) Excused, Harriet Sollod (MER) Excused, Judy Strebel (MIS) Excused, Rosa M. Quinones (MIS) Excused, Ruth Maginnis (NVA), Kathleen McClay (NBE), Anh Le (NBE) Excused, Pinkie Bolden (OVI) Excused, Edna James (OVI) Excused, Vanessa Wallace (OVI) Excused, Bessie Hahn (ORT), Marcia Ehrlich (PAR), Diane Silver (PAR), Michael Leahy (PSI) Excused, Don Thielges (POR), Chet Roaman (POT) Excused, Marcia Popper (PRE), Kaitlyn Tran (PRE), Elaine Cahn (RIC), Joan Walton (SUN), Deborah Oppenheim (SUN), Rochelle Fort (VVA), Kenny Chin (WPO) Excused, Maryam Roberts (WPO) Excused, Callen Taylor (WSA) Excused

Administrators: Luis Herrera (City Librarian), Michael Lambert (Deputy City Librarian), Maureen Singleton (Chief Financial Officer), Michelle Jeffers (Chief of Community Programs and Partnerships)

HOUSEKEEPING

- The next regular **CNL Meeting** will be **Thursday, October 27, 2016**, 4:00 p.m. in the Latino Hispanic Room B, Main Library, Lower Level.
- The next **CNL Steering Committee Meeting of 2016** will be on **Tuesday, October 18, 2016**, 4:30 p.m. in Room 601 – Main Library.
- The next **Library Commission Meeting** will be on **Thursday, October 20, 2016**, 4:30 p.m. in the Koret Auditorium, Main Library
- Volunteers are needed to attend the Library Commission Meeting on Thursday, October 20, 2016.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Rebecca Alcala-Veraflor, the new Central District Manager at the Chief of Branches office, was introduced at the meeting. Rebecca already knows Marcia Parrot from her time as the Excelsior Branch Manager, and looks forward to working with all the CNL reps.
- Kathleen McClay, a new CNL member representing the North Beach Branch, was also welcomed at the meeting.
- The goal for CNL membership is to have two representatives for each branch by the end of the year.
- Noe Valley/Sally Brunn Branch celebrated its 100th Anniversary. Not only was it a wonderful celebration, it was a reminder of Sally Brunn's place in the branch's history, exemplifying that advocacy does pay off.
- Miriam Pavis is in hospice care. Anyone who would like to visit her should contact the Chief of Branches office, who will put them in touch with her daughter Veronica.

UPDATES

City Librarian's Report – Louis Herrera, Michael Lambert, Maureen Singleton

- Proposition S: Allocation of Hotel Tax Fund – “The Arts and End Family Homeless Initiative”
 - This proposition, which will be on the November 8, 2016 ballot, does not generate new taxes. Its passage will allocate some of the City's hotel tax revenue to fund arts programs and family homelessness services.
 - CNL members are asked to study this proposition carefully as it will impact the library budget if passed.
- Fine Amnesty
 - The Library Commission unanimously approved the Fines and Fees Amnesty Program. The recommendations made by the CNL members regarding the length of the amnesty period were taken into consideration; the proposed amnesty will be from January 3, 2017 through February 14, 2017.
 - The number of patrons living in impacted communities, whose library access will be restored by the amnesty will be shared with CNL, so that they can share these numbers in their communities.
 - The Library is bringing this project to the Board of Supervisors to request approval.

Programs & Exhibitions Highlights – Michelle Jeffers

- There was an increase in the number of programs and in the number of participants during Summer Stride (May 7 – August 14)!
- The Library offers around 15,000 free programs every year. This fall there will be programs throughout the branches for the following events:
 - One City One Book
 - Middle Eastern Heritage Celebration (September 2016)
 - Tricycle Music Fest (October 1 – 30)
 - Viva! Hispanic Heritage Celebration (September 15 – October 15)
 - Financial Planning Day (October 22, 2016)

Neighborhood Sharing – All

- Laura Bernabei / Ingleside
 - Ingleside Branch celebrated their 7th Anniversary with an Open House on September 14th.

- Laura leads the Cookie of the Month Club on the first Wednesday of the month at 6:30 pm. She provides all the materials, the cookie making demonstrations are hands on, and you'll get cookies to take home.
- Rochelle Fort / Visitacion Valley
 - Rochelle shared an idea for a mobile library using a converted ice-cream cart.
- Joan Walton / Sunset
 - The stairs of the Sunset Branch are in need of repair and cleaning. The Library has budgeted funding for restoration work of terracotta this year. Cathy will follow up with Facilities.
 - The lounge seating in the adult reading area have sunk lower and need replacing.
- Kathleen McClay / North Beach
 - The windows on Columbus Avenue need shades. Patrons aren't able to use the computers due to the sun shining on them from the west side.
- Marcia Ehrlich and Diane Silver / Park
 - The Cole/Haight neighborhood lacks a senior center. A group of seniors worked with Anne Lane, the branch manager, to fill the need with a Senior Game Day on Thursday, October 6, 2:30 – 4:30. Hopefully there will be more programs for seniors at the Park Branch.
 - The Haight-Ashbury Street Fair's Halloween Hootenanny, a free event for children and families, will be held on Saturday, October 22nd. The Park Branch will participate with a pumpkin decorating table. CNL members who plan to attend are encouraged to come in costume.
- Bessie Hanh / Ortega
 - Bessie suggested having a caroling group at the branches during the holidays.
- Cathy Delneo / Chief of Branches
 - In December, the Ortega Branch will have a concert for teens 18 years old and under sponsored by the zine, Maximum Rock and Roll.
 - The CNL holiday party will again be hosted by Luis in the City Librarian's office. The Branch Managers will also be invited.

Adjournment: 5:20 pm

Respectfully Submitted by Florinda Battad