

Minutes of the
SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Monday, September 21, 2015

1. **CALL TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order by Chair Teena Miller, at 6:30 p.m.

2. **ROLL CALL AND ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:**

Members Present: Diane Barney, Henry Beecher, Neil Hall, Ron Heinrich, Teena Miller, Kurt Overholt, Margie Russell, Dotty Schenk,

Members Absent: Bruce DuClair, Lynne Vaughan

Others Present: Chris Rogers, Senior Management Analyst, County Administrator's Office, Josette Lacey, Board of Supervisors Aide to Supervisor Hannigan, Frances McCullough, SCL Foundation, Bonnie Katz, Director of Library Services, Mark Fink, Deputy Director, Tamie Tvrdik, Clerical Supervisor

3. **INTRODUCTIONS:** Ms. Katz introduced Mark Fink, Deputy Director. Ms. Miller welcomed newly appointed council member, Neil Hall representing the city of Fairfield.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS MAILED FOR MEETING OF July 20, 2015:** Mr. Overholt moved to approve the minutes of the July 20, 2015 meeting; seconded by Ms. Schenk. Motion carried. So ordered by 6-0 vote with Ms. Barney abstaining.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** Ms. Barney moved to approve the September 21, 2015 agenda; Mr. Overholt seconded. Motion carried. So ordered by 7-0 vote.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** Francis McCullough, President of the Solano County Library Foundation announced to the Council that the 2015 Author's Luncheon will be held on November 1, 2015 at the Rancho Solano.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Ms. Katz distributed the Fall Check It Outs. The cover page of the Fall issue features the Author's Luncheon with sponsorship and ticket information. Several events are highlighted in this issue including the US Citizenship Ceremony which will be held at the Fairfield Civic Center Library in October with 57 people getting their citizenship. Also featured in the newsletter is the McCune Collection which is housed in the lower level of the JFK Library building.

Ms. Katz reported that the Library has filled the Deputy Director, Branch Manager, Supervising Librarian, several Library Aides/Assistant positions and is now recruiting for Librarian and Library Associate positions.

Ms. Katz informed the Council that the Library had a manager's retreat last Friday, September 18th and two major ideas came out of that retreat:

- the Library is now in the planning stages to develop the new strategic directions, which will be with major community input; and
- the Library will be working on a new facilities master plan

9. OLD BUSINESS:

Budget Update – The Council will receive a budget update.

Ms. Katz explained that the Library received the final numbers for fiscal year 2014-2015; and therefore some numbers had to be revised for the budget for the fiscal year 2015-2016. She explained the bottom line has not changed and that the Library still has a structural deficit of about \$1 million; however, there is savings to cover this in addition to the increase in property and sales tax.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

Presentation from the Deputy Director – The Council will hear a presentation from Mark Fink, newly appointed Deputy Director.

Mr. Fink introduced himself and shared that most recently he was with the Santa Clara Library District and that he served as the library manager for the Cupertino library and then was promoted to a library services manager that oversaw outreach, partnerships and programs for all of the libraries in that system including a bookmobile.

Some of the things that he is working on:

- expanding community partnerships
- new ways for our Library system to be innovative
- take library services into the community
- looking for new customers that the Library has not yet effectively served


Mr. Fink explained that the State Legislature has funded \$1 million to launch a program called Career Online High Schools. This is a grant program being administered through the CA State Library. The program allows adults that do not have a high school diploma to earn one and to also get some specialized training at the same time. The program is offered entirely online along with academic online coaching. The Library is involved by promoting the program and recruiting students. The Vallejo Friends have provided a grant of matching funds for 6 scholarships. Staff in Vallejo will be piloting this program. The Library also will be partnering with Heath and Social Services' Welfare to Work fund to offer this opportunity for their customers. The Library will be submitting an application to the State Library by the end of the month. The cost is \$1100 per student and it takes 18 months to complete the program.

12. ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEMBER REPORTS:

- a. Ms. Schenk announced that Vanden High School has a new state-of-the-art library and is trying to arrange a group tour for those interested.
- b. Ms. Miller announced that she recently spoke at the California National Alliance on Mental Illness (NAMI) Conference.
- c. Ms. Katz announced there is a SCL Foundation parking lot sale from 9am – 2 pm at Rancho Solano on Saturday, September 26.

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: November 16, 2015

14. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.



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