

Minutes of the
SOLANO COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COUNCIL
Monday, January 22, 2018

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

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

Members Present: Diane Barney, Stephanie Cobb, Neil Hall, Ron Heinrich, Kurt Overholt, Dotty Schenk, Kathryn Clark Silveira

Members Absent: Gloria Felder, Cassandra Patton

Others Present: Suzanne Olawski, Assistant Director of Library Services, Cherelyn Hunt, Literacy Program Manager, Tamie Tvrdik, Clerical Supervisor

3. **INTRODUCTIONS:** None.

4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES AS MAILED FOR MEETING OF November 20, 2017:** Mr. Heinrich moved to approve the minutes of the November 20, 2017 meeting; seconded by Ms. Barney. Motion carried. So ordered by 7-0 vote.

5. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA.** Ms. Schenk moved to approve the agenda for January 22, 2018; Ms. Barney seconded. Motion carried. So ordered by 7-0 vote.

6. **PUBLIC COMMENT:** None.

7. **CORRESPONDENCE:** None.

8. **DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** In addition to Ms. Katz's written Director's report, Ms. Olawski distributed the County's Annual Report to the Council.

She informed the Council that four \$1,000 staff innovation grants have been awarded:

- David Greene, Librarian at Fairfield Civic Center Library to fund further exploration of lending portable Wi-Fi hotspots;
- Jamie Nakamura, Library Aide at the Cordelia Library to fund the start of a creation of a collection of musical instruments for lending;
- Laura Sandoval, Library Assistant at Vacaville Cultural Center Library to fund liquid chalk sandwich boards to advertise events going on in the branch that day;
- Kevin Tolley, Supervising Library at Rio Vista Library to fund a STEM mobile maker station.

The innovation grants encourage the development of staff to think creatively and build leadership. There was a total of eight staff that applied for the grants.

9. OLD BUSINESS: None.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Topics/goals of the Solano County Library Advisory Council – the Council will discuss their topics/goals for the coming year.

The Council discussed they would like to hear more about the Library's programs in order to better enable them to be a voice for the Library in the community. Ms. Cobb suggested that the Council be provided the goals from last year and what was accomplished and then revisit this during the March meeting. The Council agreed and this will be agendaized for the March 19, 2018 meeting.

- b. Election of Officers – the Council will elect a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2018.

Mr. Heinrich moved to elect Ms. Barney as Chair of the Solano County Library Advisory Council; Ms. Schenk seconded. Motion carried. So ordered by a 7-0 vote.

Mr. Hall moved to elect Ms. Clark Silveira as Vice-Chair; Ms. Schenk seconded. Motion carried. So ordered by a 7-0 vote.

- c. Diversity 2.0: Cracking the Codes training – the Council will hear a presentation from Anika Johnson, Literacy Program Assistant

Anika Johnson was out ill so Ms. Hunt, Literacy Program Manager gave a brief overview of an upcoming training/workshop for staff that utilizes the film *Cracking the Codes: The System of Inequities*. This talks about the systemic inequities that exist and will provide staff with tools to raise awareness about themselves and how they interact with our public and customers when working with Solano County's diverse community. This is part of the strategic plan of staff development. Ms. Hunt invited and encouraged the Council to attend one of the workshops. The Library's goal is to eventually get all staff to attend this training.

11. ANNOUNCEMENTS/MEMBER REPORTS:

- a. Ms. Clark Silveira announced that Brenda Welch, Librarian at Springstowne and Ann Nowak, Library Associate at Fairfield Civic Center highlighted library services at the ECE conference at Solano College and they were awesome
- b. Ms. Schenk shared that Barnes and Noble is carrying her children's books and the latest one she wrote is about the Napa fire.
- c. Ms. Barney announced that March 23 is the Women's Luncheon; save the date.
- d. Mr. Overholt shared that June Rowan has died. She was a longtime member of the Friends of the Rio Vista Library, a student advocate and homeschooling coordinator and had served on this Council.
- e. Ms. Schenk shared that Dave Balmer passed away recently. Mr. Balmer was the County Administrator for 27 years and was instrumental in revitalizing Solano County's free library system and was an honorary board member of the Solano County Library Foundation.

12. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING:** The next Solano County Advisory Council meeting will be Monday, March 19, 2018.

13. **ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting adjourned at 7:15p.m.



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