

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
SAN RAFAEL LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2014
DOWNTOWN LIBRARY MEETING ROOM
6:00 P.M.**

MEMBERS PRESENT: SEAN PRENDIVILLE
KAREN NIELSEN
HANNA RODRIGUEZ-FARRAR
MELANIE LEAVITT CANTARUTTI

MEMBERS ABSENT: CAROL MANASHIL

OTHERS PRESENT: SARAH HOUGHTON, LIBRARY DIRECTOR
MADELINE MORK, FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY
NANCY MACKLE, CITY MANAGER
DAMON CONNOLLY, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
KATE COLIN, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER
MARIBETH BUSHEY, CITY COUNCIL MEMBER

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The agenda was approved unanimously on a motion by Cantarutti and a second by Nielsen.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

August meeting minutes were approved on a motion by Nielsen and a second by Rodriguez-Farrar, with Prendiville abstaining since he was not present at the meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

None

STAFF PRESENTATION

None

CORRESPONDENCE

None

SPECIAL PRESENTATION TO THE CITY COUNCIL

Board members spoke with the City Council members present about current library issues, challenges faced, and future plans. Council members and the City Manager then left and the Board held its regular meeting.

REPORT FROM LIBRARY DIRECTOR

National Reading Group Month: October is National Reading Group month. Library staff have offered up tips to kickstarting book clubs on the website.

Dusty Closet Time Machine: The Library has a new social media outlet: the Dusty Closet Time Machine, a Tumblr blog that is chronicling all of the historical items we

found during our carpeting replacement project. See it at <http://sr-publiclibrary.tumblr.com/>

San Rafael Leadership Institute: Library Director Sarah Houghton is participating in this year's SRLI to learn about Marin businesses and civic agencies.

REPORTS FROM LIBRARY SUPPORT GROUPS AND OTHER RELATED GROUPS

Friends of the Library: The Friends are holding a large sale at the Church across the street from the Downtown Library October 24th and 25th. This Thursday, October 16th, is the Friends' film night fundraiser at the Rafael, showing *American Graffiti*.

SRPL Foundation: The Foundation held its annual meeting October 9th at Falkirk with speakers from successful library construction projects. A survey of the community about what they'd like to see in a new library is forthcoming.

Special Library Parcel Tax Committee: This committee met and will meet again in November to finalize their report to City Council.

OLD BUSINESS

None

NEW BUSINESS

2014-2015 Goals and Objectives - Final: The Library's final list of Goals and Objectives, limited to new initiatives and projects, was presented to the Board of Trustees. This document will also be presented to City Council.

Adobe Digital Editions 4 privacy issues: Adobe Digital Editions 4, the software used for most eBooks in ePub format (whether they are consumer-licensed or borrowed through a library) has been gathering data on the eBooks that have been opened, which pages were read, and in what order. Adobe is also tracking user activity outside of Digital Editions – gathering metadata from non-Adobe eBooks on the user's hard disk. All of this data is being kept and transmitted in clear text – which can be easily intercepted and stored by third parties. The Library and Information Technology Association and the President of the American Library Association have made public statements against Adobe's actions and have asked for a change in practice. Adobe has said they will roll out a software update to encrypt the data being harvested and transmitted. They have not commented on limiting the amount of data being collected, as requested by many. Director Houghton has contacted all of the Library's eBook vendors for information and to register alarm at this practice. The MARINet Board of Directors will be discussing this issue at their next meeting as well, and considering possible actions to be taken.

November meeting: The Library Board of Trustees meeting for November will be canceled as it falls on a holiday. The next Board meeting will be December 9th.

Meeting with the Mayor: Prendiville reported back on the content of the meeting that he had with the Mayor, the President of the Foundation, the President of the Friends, and the Library Director. Useful information was shared about the library's various funding needs, upcoming tax measures, and the group was very thankful for the Mayor taking the time to talk.

ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Sarah Houghton