**Sonoma County Library**

**LAB Members & Year Term Ends**

**Chair – Beverly Seyfert (2026)**

**Vice Chair – Mario Castillo (2024)**

**Secretary – Roy Tennant (2025)**

**Tobiyah Holmes (2025)**

**Aparna Sinha (2026)**

**Brian Hopewell (2024)**

**Youth Member – Adriel Velazquez, on leave (2026)**

**City of Sonoma Liaison – John Gurney**

**Friends of the Library Liaison – Cathy Coleman**

**SONOMA VALLEY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, June 8, 2023, 4:00-5:00 PM**

The LAB meets the following months: February, April, June, August, October & December

**MINUTES**

**Sonoma Valley LAB Meeting**

**June 8, 2023 @ 4:00 PM**

**Sonoma Valley Regional Library**

**755 West Napa Street**

**Sonoma, California**

MINUTES for June 8, 2023

Present: Beverly Seyfert (Chair), Roy Tennant (Secretary), Sabine Salek (Branch Manager), Mario Castillo (Vice Chair), John Gurney (City Council Liaison), Aparna Sinha, Robin Kunde (Friends of the Library), Brian Hopewell, Barbara Maes (Sonoma County Division Manager, Public Services)

1. CALL TO ORDER:  4:01 pm
2. REPORTS

Reports and updates on library governance, management, programs, services, and support group activities as well as relevant City Council activities. All items are for discussion only.

New board member Brian Hopewell was introduced, and a card thanking Ken Brown for his service was circulated.

2.1.   Friends Report — Robin Kunde, Friends of the Library

The Kunde Fund is at $696,853.66 as of May 31, 2023. The Friends are now adhering to a new county library policy for reporting funds expended. The Friends new website is up and also a new logo. They expect to have a book donation day on June 15 and a parking lot sale on June 25th.

2.2.   Commissioner Report — Tom Hauser

Tom is being asked to get a group to participate in the Vintage Festival Grape Stomp. There is controversy over drag queen story time, and a planned protest at the Petaluma library.

2.3.   Library Director or Designee Report — Barbara Maes

There are some planned protests at some branches over drag queen story hours happening at those branches. County staff has provided special training to branch staff, and county staff will also attend these events to support those branches. The budget was passed. Other Pride Month events are planned and Juneteenth is coming up as well.

2.4.   Branch Manager Report — Sabine Salek

The Summer Reading Program was launched and 105 people came. The first big event for adults is this coming Saturday at 2pm, a jazz/swing band, the Dorian Mode. The library has a brochure of all the coming events. Displays in the library track what is being commemorated/celebrated each month (e.g., Pride Month). Jeremy Medrano is the new library specialist. Due to a grant the library received, the library was able to hire two interns Adriel Velazquez (who is taking a leave from the LAB while employed by the library) and Lily Larbre to work for the “Lunch at the Library” program. Tuesday Night Market outreach, fourth Tuesday of every month, opportunities to learn about the library and hear a story. BiblioBus is coming to the valley soon. The library has partnered with the Senderos Naturales program at Sugarloaf Ridge State Park to offer free bus trips to Sugarloaf for a 2-hour excursion. A written report will be sent out after the meeting.

2.5.   City Council Liaison Report — John Gurney

The new city manager has been on the job for five weeks so far and he is phenomenal. Unfortunately, the city’s budget is $1.1 million out of balance, although there are reserves to cover that if it is decided not to implement a 4% cut.

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE April 13, 2023 Meeting.  Mario moved to approve the minutes and Aparna seconded. The minutes were approved.

4.     PUBLIC APPEARANCES OR LETTERS

An opportunity for members of the public to address the Library Advisory & Friends’ Boards; times are limited at the Chair's discretion. There were no citizens at the meeting and no letters.

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Welcome new LAB member Brian Hopewell — New board member Brian Hopewell was introduced.

5.2 Updates from LAB members on current projects. No updates on projects other than those below.

5.3 Report on survey regarding library services to Latinx Community in Sonoma Valley – Mario Castillo

Mario created a SurveyMonkey survey and published it to his Facebook page about library services to the LatinX community in the valley. He received about 60 responses. He will send the survey results to Beverly, who will create a summary report of it and send it to LAB members before the next meeting, when we can discuss it further after reviewing the anecdotal findings.

5.4 Update on art exhibitions in the library – Aparna Sinha

Aparna has four artists lined up, one to start in August or September, to post art in the community room.

5.5 Tuesday Night Market outreach opportunities

6. ACTION ITEMS

6.1 No action items.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:14 pm.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: THURSDAY, August 10, 2023

TIME OF NEXT MEETING: 4:00 P.M.