

**MINUTES**  
**Rohnert Park – Cotati Regional Library LAB Meeting**  
**August 15, 2023 @ 5:00pm**  
**Held at the Rohnert Park – Cotati Regional Library**

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## **PRESENT - VOTING BOARD MEMBERS**

Catherine Crotty – Vice Chair (2024)

\*Vacant (prev. Caryl Sherman)

Glenn Brassinger Jr. – Youth Member (2023)

Gabriela Dewald – Youth Member (2024)

\*Vacant (prev. Faith Adam)

## **PRESENT - EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS**

Barbara Mackenzie (RP Library Commissioner)

Jake Mackenzie (FOL President)

Kay Rivers (Cotati City Council Liaison)

Jennifer Ryder (RP-C Branch Manager)

Barbara Maes (SCL District Manager)

### **1. CONVENING & INTRODUCTIONS**

Meeting convened at 5:09 by Catherine Crotty.

### **2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING**

#### **2.1 APPROVAL OF JUNE MEETING MINUTES**

Catherine moved, Glenn seconded. All were in favor.

### **3. REPORTS & UPDATES**

#### **3.1 LIBRARY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT**

- Rohnert Park archives project is in process. Will be working with H&G Library staff for assessment and possible further assistance.
- No Commission Meeting in August
- Attended a United for Libraries session on gender identity, via Zoom.
- Attended the Grand Opening of the Memory Lab, and the Aztec Dancers performance, both at SR Central
- Attended presentation on polling for tax measure support via zoom; more to share soon.
- While out of town this summer, Barbara visited several libraries including Pittsburgh Carnegie, Indianapolis Central, Kurt Vonnegut Library and Museum, and Hamilton (IN) East, which is undergoing major renovation while remaining open! Always enjoy visiting other libraries for ideas!

#### **3.2 LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

- No commission meeting this month (August)
- At the September Commission meeting, there will be a presentation of teen interns from Lunch at the Library and a wrap up report.
- Just finalized Bibliobus community stop schedule, including more rural communities and the coast. – **Jen will share the map of the stops when it is available to the LAB member.**

#### **3.3 BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT**

- Summer Lunch and teen intern programs were successful at ROHN.

- Updates on programs that occurred and coming up.
- Shared that there will be some changes with accessing the building after events like the Farmer's Market.

### **3.4 YOUTH MEMBER'S REPORT**

- **Glenn**
  - SF Public Library visit
  - The alarm went off in the library after the LAB came in from the Farmer's Market.
  - Google hasn't updated search terms to the new website.

### **3.5 FRIENDS OF THE ROHNERT PARK – COTATI REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT**

- New Board members: Roxanne B and Kathy J.
- Fall FOL Book Sale will be Wed Sept 27-30.
- Attended 3 Farmer's Markets with mini-Book Sales.
- Take in roughly \$1000 a week.

### **3.6 CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS' REPORTS**

- Slavery in Sonoma County event collab between Sonoma State and the NAACP.
- Advocating for a library in Cotati.

## **4. PUBLIC COMMENTS - None**

## **5. OLD BUSINESS**

**5.1 Bylaws Change Proposal (from April) – Changing election months to October and adding language to allow for elections to occur in the following months if there isn't a quorum in October. Voting item.**

- Move to October meeting.

**5.2 LAB at Farmers Market(s) needs and recommendations (Catherine)**

- Move to October meeting with ideas.

## **6. NEW BUSINESS**

**6.1 Hosting anime & hang-out events. (Gabriela)**

- Lots of teens like anime.
  - Make their own anime – branch it from what they like.
  - Find something that is close to what they made.
  - Have trivia – see how much they really know anime.

- Make a paragraph storyline, something they would read about.
- Open trivia.

### **6.2 Tabling events at high school fairs/fundraisers (Gabriela)**

- Middle schools and elementary schools
- Fall festivals at Thomas Page

## **7. ADJOURNMENT**

**Catherine adjourned at 6:17.**

**Next LAB meeting: October 17, 2023 at 5:00pm**