**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)**

**Joanne Brown (2027)**

**Adriel Velazquez, Youth Member – (2024)**

**City of Sonoma Liaison – Patricia Farrar-Rivas**

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

**SONOMA VALLEY LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD**

**AGENDA**

**Thursday, June 13, 2024, 4:00-5:00 PM**

The LAB meets the following months: February, April,

June, August, October & December

**DRAFT MINUTES**

**Sonoma Valley LAB Meeting**

**June 13, 2024 @ 4:00 PM**

**Sonoma Valley Regional Library**

**755 West Napa Street**

**Sonoma, California**

AGENDA for June 13, 2024

1. CALL TO ORDER:  4:00

Members attending were Chair Seyfert, Vicechair Mario Castillo, Aparna Sinha, and Joanne Brown.

1. 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.

2.1.   Friends Report – Friends did not have a June meeting. Book sale is scheduled for June 23.

2.2.   Commissioner Report – Commissioner did not attend. Chair Seyfert encouraged LAB members to reach out to potential applicants to replace Commissioner Huaser. This is a Sonoma City appointment, but applicants may reside outside the city limits. Chair Seyfert suggested a LAB recognition event in July for Commissioner Hauser.

2.3.   Library Director or Designee Report: Sarah Vantrease Division Manager reported on the 2024-2025 budget discussions, the budget will remain flat with a couple of exceptions. A second library van and 1 FTE were budgeted. Some money for capital improvements for other libraries was approved. A recent survey of voters about their support for an extension of the current library tax measure was positive, exceeding the 2/3 requirement if the measure was put on the ballot at this time. Ms. Vantrease suggested that LAB members watch the Budget workshop in May for more detailed information on the budget process.

2.4.   Branch Manager Report - NONE

2.5.   City Council Liaison Report - NONE

1. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE April 11, 2024, Meeting.  Continued to August meeting. The chair will resend minutes from April meeting.

4.     PUBLIC APPEARANCES OR LETTERS - NONE

An opportunity for members of the public to address the Library Advisory Board; times are limited at the Chair's discretion.

1. DISCUSSION ITEMS

5.1 Member Aparna Sinha was recognized for her amazing work with local artists to offer art exhibits at the library. Members acknowledged the impressive quality of past exhibits and their enhancement of the library setting.

5.2 2024 All LAB Meeting - Chair Seyfert and two other LAB members attended. Recommendations coming from the meeting are that LAB members attend the meetings of other LABs and that we create an annual calendar of events in the Sonoma Valley where the LAB members can join the Library staff in outreach.

5.3. Members agreed that a calendar such as used by Rohnert Park LAB would be useful and will be compiled for the 2024-2025 year for Sonoma Valley LAB.

5.4 Updates from LAB members on current projects – Member Sinha reported on art exhibits planned for the fall. Exhibits have already been arranged for September and October.

6. ACTION ITEMS

**Members agreed that the following items should be added to August agenda:**

(1) Change the October meeting date due to a conflict with the meeting space at the library.

(2) Draft a job description for LAB members: who are we, our role in general, and what are we expected to do when we appear at community events. It was agreed that such clarification would improve our capacity to do outreach.

(3) What are the physical plant considerations in the future for the library- do we have enough space, what does that mean in terms of adding programs and resources? What is our relationship with the City of Sonoma. Is the City willing to invest more money in the library?

(4) Explore other sources of money for expanding the library, e.g., State Library Funds. (Did the City of Sonoma decide not to apply?)

(5) Look closely at the library’s budget: Are there funds in the current budget which could be used to incentivize participation in the LAB, for adults as well as juvenile members, e.g., reimbursement for attending meetings?

Meeting adjourned 4:39 PM.

Joanne M. Brown

Acting Secretary

DATE OF NEXT MEETING: August 8,2024

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