

MINUTES
Rohnert Park – Cotati Regional Library LAB Meeting
June 18, 2024 @ 5:00pm
Held at the Rohnert Park – Cotati Regional Library

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VOTING BOARD MEMBERS – TERM ENDS JUNE 30 YEAR LISTED

Loreen Atallah – Vice Chair (2025)

Glenn Brassington, Jr. – Youth Member (2025)

Paulina Brassington (2026)

Gabriela Dewald – Youth Member (2025)

Jill Jorgensen – Chair (2025)

Heather Worker (2025)

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS

Barbara Mackenzie (RP Library Commissioner)

Cyan McMillan (Cotati Library Commissioner)

Jake Mackenzie (FOL President)

Jennifer Ryder (RP-C Branch Manager)

Barbara Maes (SCL District Manager)

1. CONVENING & INTRODUCTIONS

Jill Jorgensen convened the meeting at 5:07.

2. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE PRIOR MEETING

2.1 APPROVAL OF APRIL MEETING MINUTES

Jen will edit in old business – the Library Director and Commissioner Mackenzie made presentation to City Council.

Glenn makes a motion to approve, Jill seconds. All in favor.

3. REPORTS & UPDATES

3.1 LIBRARY COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Barbara

- LAB outreach successful – June 7 Farmer's Market
- Barbara is willing to get t-shirts.
- Tax measure
 - They have been doing Speaker's Bureau outreach to talk about successes with Measure Y – this is an education campaign.
 - A mailer was sent out to the public about Measure Y.
 - Another one will be going out.
 - June commission meeting – did a first reading to put the ballot measure to renew the sales tax on the ballot in November.
 - Will do another reading in July, will likely put it on the ballot.
 - 10-year term on this tax measure.
 - Renewal measure will not have a termination date, but it will go to the voters.
- All LAB day
 - SEBA LAB had suggestion to have a regular meeting on how to increase communication.

Cyan

- Went to the All LAB Meeting, discussion was already covered.
- Attended Commission meetings in May and June, Barbara covered everything.

3.2 LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT

- Library is recognizing Pride month
- Libraries closed tomorrow for Juneteenth
- SR challenge has kicked off
- Tonight, will be having a SCL family meeting at the Redwood Credit Union meeting hall
- Teen film festival submissions are open through July 31st. Will be held here at Rohnert Park – Cotati Library. Guidelines are on our website.
- PETA closed in a week for at least a year.
 - They will have some library services.
 - Will be opening on July 8 at the Kennilworth Teen Center.

3.3 BRANCH MANAGER'S REPORT

- Talked about the impact of Petaluma's closure on the conference room and on donations.
- Talked about Summer Reading starting, including major programs and TheCodeQuest going well.

3.4 YOUTH MEMBER'S REPORT

Gabriela

- Did attend the Farmer's Market on Friday, June 7, it was great.

Glenn

- All LAB Day – pretty successful, he was the only youth who attended.
- Mostly put in different groups talking about the LABs, improving communication, how they're improving, etc.
- How they get community feedback.
- Visited two different libraries in Mexico City, San Miguel saw one really unique library where students can apply for scholarships funded by the community, it has the 2nd largest English collection, and a café and music playing all day.
- Benjamin Franklin Library – lots of programs for youth for learning English or travelling abroad.

3.5 FRIENDS OF THE ROHNERT PARK – COTATI REGIONAL LIBRARY REPORT

Jake

- Had annual membership meeting on Monday
- Members are asked to vote to reinstate the board of directors. They are all reinstated.
- They had their two writing scholarship winners present, were given scholarships of \$1000 each. Emily Cooney with mother and brother and Reyes Molina Gomez.
- They have asked for donations to be limited.
- The Friends will need to figure out what to do for discard books that used to go to Discover Books.

3.6 CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS' REPORTS

Neither are here today.

3.7 LAB CHAIR REPORT

Jill

- All LAB Day
 - One idea that was presented was to have a Quarterly Zoom meeting with the Chairs so that they could be in touch.
 - All the LABs coming up with a shared mission statement.
 - Big discussion point was their role as Board Members, getting community feedback, getting in touch with underserved communities.
 - They loved the calendar idea.
 - Library in Sonoma – talking about getting the public more involved and inviting them to come.
 - IF it's something we're interested in, they could speak at one of our meetings.
 - They'll curate an exhibit, do different demographics. Like teen art, senior quilting, etc.
 - Opening night where they have a small reception.
- Jill helped with the last hour at the Market date on June 7.

4. PUBLIC COMMENTS

None

5. OLD BUSINESS

5.1 First Market Feedback, review upcoming open shifts

- They felt they had a good set-up; the cabinet is now very organized.
- The second Friday of July.
- Everyone has filled out the shift if folks want to join.
- Thanked Barbara for introducing the LAB members to the FOL members at the Market.

5.2 Discuss and share ideas from All LAB Day

Already discussed. Interest in the Sonoma member coming to talk?

6. NEW BUSINESS

6.1 Collaborate and finalize Commission Presentation (slides due 6/24, presentation 7/10)

All the LABs have an opportunity to speak at a Commission meeting. The ROHN LAB will be doing this.

Jill is asking for input on the PowerPoint presentation for the Library Commission meeting for July. Several LAB members have agreed to go.

6.2 October event logistics and update

Jill called the city about the October event, not sure if they're doing the Light Festival or not. The LAB could still host an event in October if they want.

Table the event until they have time to discuss another event or know if the Light Festival is happening.

6.3 Any additional discussion topics

The LAB couldn't table at the Cotati Farmer's Market. They hope to pursue it in the future.

7. ADJOURNMENT

Jill adjourned at 6:03pm.

2024 LAB Meetings (in the Flores Room):

August 20, 2024 at 5:00pm

October 15, 2024 at 5:00pm

December 17, 2024 at 5:00pm