



**LIBRARY BOARD OF TRUSTEES
MINUTES
July 14, 2022**

**MILL VALLEY PUBLIC LIBRARY
ZOOM ONLINE MEETING**

IN ATTENDANCE

Board of Trustees: Janice Prochaska (Chair), George Rodericks (Vice-Chair),
Joyce Kleiner

Staff: Anji Brenner (City Librarian), Kristen Clark (Library Operations Manager)

CALL TO ORDER – 7:03pm

CORRESPONDENCE

Janice received an email from Stephen Keany Marks, creator and moderator of the Mill Valley library’s “Award Winning American Novelists Book Club.” He wondered why he was not asked to return to running the club and why it was, instead, given to a library staff member.

Joyce said that she had recently spoken to a former library board member who reminded her that — in addition to the Library and the Parks & Recreation Department having different missions — the Community Center was built with a mandate to self-fund its operation via direct revenue. This is important to remember when discussions are raised about why the Community Center charges for classes and the Library does not.

BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS

Janice reported that she and fellow trustee member Bill Sawyers attended the annual City Council and Commissioners dinner. It was a nice evening but not particularly well attended (most likely due to continued Covid-19 concerns).

APPROVAL OF JUNE 9, 2022 MINUTES — postponed until next meeting

CITY LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

1. New City Manager, Todd Cusimano, begins on September 1, 2022. He has been meeting with all department heads.
2. Expanded hours as of July 5 will go from 40 hours per week to 57 hours per week. This was possible due to much hard work by Library Operations Manager Kristen Clark, for whom Anji expressed her gratitude.
 - Hours will be 10am to 8pm, Monday through Thursday; 10am to 5pm, Friday; 12pm to 5pm Saturday and Sunday. This library now open 7 days a week.
 - When evening programming restarts, more evening hours will be added.
3. New Head of Adult Services, Jenn Hooker, has begun.
4. Diversity audit tool: Marin Net Consortium has agreed to work together on this.
5. State budget has not been passed yet, but in the budget is an additional 50m for public library infrastructure grants. we did apply, in the previous round and did not get a grant, but with this new budget we will have another chance.
6. Have started more in person classes
7. “Wi-Fi On the Plaza” is close to launching (within the next few weeks), with thanks to Friends of the Library and the Library Foundation.
8. Have launched a virtual author series (streams author talks).

NEW BUSINESS

1. Looking Ahead to 2022/2023 One-Year Work Plan. Currently in the phase of starting next year’s plan. Have ideas of what will be included. Soliciting feedback from staff. Likely includes:
 - Emergency preparedness
 - DEI focused this year on diversity audit and how to use that information, more diversification of work force, Improving access for patrons with disabilities.
 - Internal Operations including incorporating all the new staff and proper training
 - Building the library “outside the walls” (services beyond the “brick and mortar” part of library services).
 - Bringing back programing
 - Addressing what a post-pandemic library will look like

AGENDA SETTING FOR NEXT MEETING

1. Approve May, June minutes
2. Input for next one-year work plan

ADJOURNMENT — 7:47PM