

**Lompoc Library Commission  
Lompoc Public Library  
501 E. North Ave, Lompoc, CA 93436  
Tuesday, May 14, 2024, 10:00 AM  
Regular Meeting Minutes**

**1. Call to Order**

Commission Chair Olivia Magana called the meeting of the Lompoc Library Commission to order at 10:06 AM.

Commissioners Present: Commission Chair Olivia Magana, Lu Knowles, Joe Valencia, Mary-Michelle Moore

Commissioners Absent: Maricela Trenado

Staff Present: Library Director Sarah Bleyl, Administrative Assistant Jordan Bainer

Others Present: Friends of the Library President Teresa Jansen, Library Foundation President Melinda Aguirre

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

ACTION: Motion/Second: Knowles/Moore. By a 4-0 vote, the Commission approved discussion of agenda items in order as presented.

**3. Approval of Minutes**

ACTION: Motion/Second: Knowles/Moore. By a 4-0 vote, the Commission approved the minutes as presented.

**4. Presentations**

None.

**5. Public Comment**

None.

**6. Library Support Activities**

**A. Friends of the Library**

Friends of the Library President Teresa Jansen reported the following:

- The Friends have switched to an email-only newsletter after issues with USPS. This change will continue through January to see if there is any effect on membership numbers.
- The Spring Friends sale brought in \$3,700 in proceeds.
- The next Friends book sale will be July 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>.
- The Friends will be present at Old Town Market on July 5<sup>th</sup> where swag items will be available for sale along with book and toy giveaways for children.

**B. Library Foundation**

- The Foundation will be present at Old Town Market on July 19<sup>th</sup>
- The next Foundation newsletter will be sent out in May. The Foundation has an individual responsible for packaging and mailing out newsletters.
- Foundation information is now available in the Lompoc Vision. The Foundation has remarked that some new donations are made by connection to this posting.
- Meet the Author Fireside Chat will be November 2<sup>nd</sup> from 4-6 PM. The Foundation will decide whether to charge for admission.
  - Some local authors have expressed desire to join the event.
- Dinner in the Dark—formerly organized by the Lions Club—is a fundraiser that will held on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 5-8 PM.

- M. Aguirre expressed desire to coordinate with organizations supporting Braille resources.
- The next Foundation meeting will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 PM; more members are being sought.

## 7. Correspondence

None.

## 8. Business

### A. Commission Update

- Joe Valencia was adopted as Commissioner in March 2024.
- Olivia Magana was reappointed as Commission Chair in March 2024.
- There is 1 vacancy on the Commission.

### B. Library Update

- The Library has had several staff changes
  - Michelle Homsher, previously a Library Assistant I, is now Library Technician II.
  - Jenna Yeates, previously a Library Page, is now Library Assistant I.
  - Hannah Wallace, previously the Administrative Aide, is now the Aquatic Supervisor. Jordan Bainer has joined as the new Administrative Aide.
  - Two Pages will be leaving in May 2024, with 2 new pages joining soon, one of whom is a former Page.
- S. Bleyl has worked with the Lompoc Museum to create 2 Family Passes, allowing 2 adults and 5 children to attend the Museum for free for 1 week.
- S. Bleyl is also working with Hannah Wallace at the Aquatic Center to offer passes for Recreation Swim sessions this summer.
- Since Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo's Libraries have left the Black Gold Cooperative System, there is now more discussion and changes being made within Black Gold
  - New ideas include marketing strategies, coordinating digital resources between libraries, and incorporating services such as the Charlotte's Web Bookmobile.
- Santa Barbara County has a new community services manager overseeing funds for the Village Library and parts of the Lompoc main branch. S. Bleyl has spoken with the new manager and shares that he appears supportive of libraries.
  - Alice Down, our representative, will be retiring from the board soon. The new representative is Cara Carucci from the Lompoc Museum.
- The Summer Reading Program will begin on June 1, the theme is "Read, Renew, Repeat". Participation will be tracked online through Beanstack, or with paper forms.
- The Story Walk at Beattie Park, organized by Bookmobile Librarian Rachell Frazian works with our teen volunteers, who help with ideas for families at the story walk.
- The Charles Paddock Zoo will be returning this year at both the Lompoc and Village Libraries
- Introducing new adult programs like Diamond Painting
- Teen volunteers with the Bookmobile will be able to plan their own program during Old Town Market to with a small budget to allow them to bring their own ideas and learn how to manage a budget
- Grant funding allowed for 2 paid internships this summer; interns will help with Lunch at the Library as well as other programming.
- New solar charging pads have been purchased through grant funding; these devices allow for charging devices like smartphones. They will be available for check out by patrons for uses like hiking, camping, and for emergencies.
- A new ADA-compliant, soundproof privacy pod will be installed at the Library in July; this will allow patrons to make reservations for private calls or to attend Zoom meetings.
- The Library ran a campaign for patrons to vote on names for the Library's carts, which garnered many responses and positive feedback.

- The Village Library has introduced a seed library where patrons check out seeds and cultivate their crops. Patrons are invited to return the seeds after harvest or donate packs of seeds.
- Bookmobile Librarian Rachell Frazian has begun to teach early literacy workshops at local preschools, emphasizing the importance of literacy within the first few years of life.
- Local outreach was conducted by Library staff at many locations.

#### 9. Library Director's January-April Report

The report was covered during the Library Updates section.

- Changes at the State level may affect the Library in the coming months. Funding for certain programs, such as Lunch at the Library, transit between Black Gold libraries, and online materials will likely be affected by budget cuts made due to the state's deficit.

#### 10. Roundtable

- L. Knowles commented on the positive impact of S. Bleyl's presentation at an event for retired teachers in Santa Barbara County. The presentation prompted discussion amongst attendees regarding programming done at the Library and how it could be adapted to educational settings.
- L. Knowles remarked on hearing positive comments regarding the FCC artists being allowed to show their art in the Grossman Gallery. S. Bleyl mentioned the possibility of creating a welcome library card for prisoners to provide them with resources, as many remain in the Lompoc area post-release.
- J. Valencia commented on the seeing families at the Beattie Park Story Walk and seeing its impact. Bookmobile Librarian Rachell Frazian is replacing the story once a month with bilingual stories, which is funded through a year-long grant. Frazian works with teen volunteers to manage the story walk.
- M. M. Moore thanked everyone and confirmed this was her last meeting. She offered connections to UCSB Library Special Collections, who did a collaboration with Santa Barbara Public Library for an accumulation of local stories by showing people how to digitize their own stories for a community archive. Moore will be the STEM Librarian at UC Riverside.
- M. M. Moore also suggested that Allan Hancock College's Lompoc Campus could be a great opportunity for collaboration with the Lompoc Library & Charlotte's Web Bookmobile. AHC's Lompoc campus does not have any plans for extending their library facilities into the weekends, meaning Lompoc-based AHC students could utilize the Lompoc Library to access needed services.
- O. Magana thanked M. M. Moore for her help with the commission and wishes her luck in her next endeavors

#### 11. Adjournment

The meeting is adjourned at 11:09 AM.

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Tuesday July 9, 2024, at the Lompoc Public Library at 501 E. North Ave, Lompoc, CA 93436 at 10:00 AM.



Secretary by  
Jordan Bainer, Library Administrative Aide