

**ALBANY LIBRARY BOARD**  
Meeting Minutes May 15, 2018

Albany Library, 1247 Marin Avenue, 7 p.m.

**Call to Order – The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Levin.**

**Board Members Present:**

Rosalie Gonzales  
Sarah Levin  
Cynthia Hegedus  
Sue Douglass  
Karen Leeburg

**Alameda County Library Staff Present:**

Ben Gomberg, Principal Librarian for Branches  
Natalie McCall, Albany Library Manager  
Darshan Chattha, Financial Services Officer

**City of Albany Staff Present:**

Ronnie Davis, Staff Liaison

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES – January 16, 2018** – The minutes were approved (Leeburg/Hegedus).

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** – There were no comments from the public.

**ALBANY LIBRARY REPORT** – McCall reviewed some of the very successful programs of the past months. The Albany Reads program on the book, the *57 Bus* was promoted in the Albany Schools and resulted in 3 author events at the Albany Middle and High Schools and an evening community event. Other highlights included the author of *My Journey with Bernie*, a program that packed the meeting room and was live streamed to over 5000 Face Book followers. A new Children’s Librarian, Caitlin Ayer, was hired and Vivian Jaquette returned to Albany as Teen Librarian. Work has begun on the redesign of the new Tot area. McCall distributed the Albany Library Quarterly Report for January – March which lists all the events.

**ALAMEDA COUNTY LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMISSION (ACLAC) REPORT** – Hegedus reported on the April 4 ACLAC meeting which was held at the Dublin Library. County Librarian Cindy Chadwick gave a budget presentation showing that circulation countywide was increasing. There was a report on children’s literacy and an update on the County Library’s strategic planning process. ACLAC will meet at the Albany Library on July 11.

**AGREEMENT FOR LIBRARY SERVICES 2018/2019** – Davis reviewed the memo from the City of Albany showing that the funds collected from the two Albany library taxes continue to cover the proposed contract from the County. Chattha reviewed the contract form the County, noting that the City’s property tax collection has risen, but the County is proposing no increase in the contract costs for FY 2018/2019. He also noted that the County Library is increasing the percentage of the County Library budget that is spent on library materials from 12 to 13%.

Board members discussed the contract and agreed that the staffing and materials support for library services look good. It was moved unanimously (Gonzales/Hegedus) to recommend this contract to the City Council for approval. Davis will write a staff report which should be on the June 4 City Council agenda.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS** – Marsha Skinner from the Friends of the Library noted that the large Friends Book Sale which was scheduled for the next weekend needed help.

**FUTURE MEETINGS and AGENDA ITEMS** – There would not be a quorum for the July meeting so the Board agreed to cancel. Davis noted that the September meeting conflicted with a Jewish holiday and she and 2 other members would not be able to attend. It was agreed to reschedule for Monday, September 24 at 6 p.m. McCall said she would invite the new staff to review the summer activities. There will be a presentation on an idea for a local history project at the November 19 meeting.

**Levin adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m.**