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ACL Minutes
Friday, August 9, 2024
9:00am-12pm
Berkeley Public Library: Central Library, Story Room

9:00–9:30: Book sale and socializing

9:30–9:40: Introductions and Announcements: Welcome to anyone new!

We shared names, workplaces, and celebrated a first-time attendee!

9:40–10:10: Book reviewing: Outstanding and Unsatisfactory or controversial (a.k.a. stinky-cheese) titles only. If time remains, other titles can be discussed.

Check out BayViews for this month's Outstanding reviews.

10:10–10:25: Committee highlight/overview: Learn more about ACL Committees and positions you might want to join now or in the future!

We discussed the process of reviewing books and creating ACL's Distinguished List. Please reach out to Joy (joyshio@gmail.com) or Caroline (carolineDavis@aclibrary.org) with any questions about reviewing books. You can also find information about reviews on our website, <https://www.bayviews.org/review-ratings-criteria/>.

10:25-10:40: Break

10:40–11:30: Professional Development: Summer Performer Feedback Roundtable

We discussed what we thought about performers we hosted this summer, as well as how to collect feedback on performers going forward.

Currently, if you have any feedback about performers, especially performers who attended the Performers' Showcase, you can email pshow.acl@gmail.com.

11:30–12:00: Business meeting

- **Consent calendar**
 - Approval of July minutes
 - Treasurer's report
 - Checking: \$

- Savings: \$

No updates to the Treasurer's report this month since Joshua was absent.

Consent calendar approved.

- **Official vote for elected positions**

The slate as follows was approved:

Lillian Whithaus for Vice President
Joshua Rees for Treasurer
Sarah Kaminker for Copy Editor
Brianna Arellano-Meli for Secretary

- **New business / Committee updates**

- Mission Statement vote to hire Megan Joseph

- Proposed updates to membership dues

There were a few changes to membership dues proposed at the board meeting last month. We will vote on these proposed changes next month. The changes are:

\$10 pay what you can minimum

Adjusting the student rate to be \$20, instead of the \$25 listed in the by-laws

Renaming the “Student” category to “Student/Paraprofessional”

- Budget Committee meeting (August 21 at 2PM on Zoom)

Budget Committee meeting is open to anyone who would like to attend, especially if you are going to be spending any money in the next fiscal year.

- Other updates

Institute will be happening next spring! The theme will be music and movement, led by Kathy Haug, katjay2@sbcglobal.net.

Sarah Kaminker’s review training from the spring is now available, you can find

the recording [here](#).

- **Announcements**

- Job openings: *Please e-mail these to the Secretary (lillianwhithaus@gmail.com) if you would like them to appear in the minutes.*
- Humbug witch queries
- Book/Resource recommendations: If you have a topic that you need resources for, request them here.

Mr. Mopps' is having their educator week soon. They do a discount and have some freebies for teachers/librarians.

East Bay Booksellers burned down recently. They are doing online and gift card sales, as well as a GoFundMe to support them during this time.

- **Feedback and appreciations:** Feel free to email Caroline (carolinedavis@aclibrary.org) and Shani (shani13reads@gmail.com) additional comments! This will also be a space to acknowledge and appreciate fellow ACL members. If you have an upcoming birthday, have a professional or personal success or accomplishment (promotions, job changes, graduations, etc.) you'd like to share, please let us know. We want to celebrate you!

Happy August birthdays!

12:00: **Adjourn**

Submitted by
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