SAN JOAQUIN VALLEY LIBRARY SYSTEM

Electronic Resources Committee Meeting
April 14, 2022

MINUTES

A.   Call to Order

Nathan Boyer called the meeting to order at 10:00 a.m.

B.   Introductions

Members Present: Nathan Boyer, Chair (SJVLS); Alyssa Furin (Fresno County Public Library); Ashley Nuhfer (Kings County Library); Rebecca Adams (Mariposa County Library); Smruti Deshpande (Merced County Library); Yer Vang (Tulare County Library); Maria Marquez (Tulare Public Library)

Absent: Nathan Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron Library District); Heather Eddy (Kern County Library);

Others Present: Tony Arellano (Porterville City Library)

C.   Adoption of Agenda

The agenda was adopted as written.

D.   Comments from the Public

None

E.   Approval of Minutes from March 17, 2022 (Attachment 1)

The minutes were unanimously approved.

Motion: Marquez (Tulare Public)

Second: Deshpande (Merced)

F.   Projects for Discussion and Action

1.   Discussion and Action: Meeting options; Continuing Teleconferences under Amended Brown Act; Subsequent Resolution (Attachment 2) – Boyer

Boyer reported that the Committee could hold hybrid meetings combining in-person and remote participation. Microsoft Teams would still be used for public participation and for members participating remotely. SJVLS does not currently have equipment to connect to Teams for an in-person group. If meeting location did not have teleconferencing equipment, any Committee members participating in-person would need to participate in Teams meeting on a laptop. Boyer expects Committee meetings to continue to be held virtually via Teams.

Members were invited to share local guidance and/or library policies for masks and social distancing staff meetings and public programming.

Fresno: Furin stated that mask and social distancing restrictions have been relaxed

at Fresno libraries. Masks are optional for the public.

Kings: Nuhfer reported that Kings County libraries have also relaxed public restrictions and masks are optional.

Mariposa: Adams shared that masks are optional at Mariposa libraries except for unvaccinated individuals. Staff meetings are still being held virtually. Staff still have concerns about health and exposure.

Merced: Deshpande said that masks are optional in Merced libraries and at library programs.

Tulare County: Vang stated that masks are optional at Tulare County libraries. Some hybrid programs (virtual and in-person) are still being held.

Tulare Public: Marquez said Tulare Public is recommending masks for unvaccinated patrons. Staff continue to wear masks when dealing with the public. Masks are optional in staff areas but most staff wear masks.

Due to continuing concerns at some SJVLS libraries, the Committee moved to adopt the resolution to continue to hold virtual committee meetings in accordance with the Brown Act as amended by AB361.

Motion: Nuhfer (Kings)

Second: Deshpande (Merced)

Ayes: Furin (Fresno), Nuhfer (Kings), Adams (Mariposa), Deshpande (Merced), Vang (Tulare County), Marquez (Tulare Public)

Noes: None

Abstain: None

Absent: Vosburg (Coalinga-Huron), Eddy (Kern)

The motion passed and the resolution will be reconsidered at the next meeting, no later than May 14, 2022.

2. Discussion and Action: State Library's "E-books for All California" / Palace Project – Boyer

The State Library has partnered with the Palace Project to make e-books available to all public libraries in California. The State Library is contributing a core collection of 40,000 titles. Public libraries can share their e-book collections with other participating libraries. Currently more than 25 libraries are participating (San Jose Public, Monterey County, San Diego County, Santa Clara City).

Boyer stated that any SJVLS member library could participate individually with their own e-book collections. Chris Wymer wants ERC to provide guidance on whether to participate as a system, specifically as to whether the shared cloudLibrary collection should be shared with the State Library's program.

Members discussed possible advantages of gaining diverse titles from other library

collections along with the challenges of prioritizing patrons of SJVLS libraries. Members agreed that more information is needed to make a recommendation. Boyer will collect more details and will add another discussion item to the May meeting agenda.

3. Discussion: SirsiDynix CloudSourceOA for general resources – Boyer
    Boyer introduced CloudSourceOA as an alternative to having a general research database package. CloudSource OA contains 40 million items, primarily from academic publishers. Content integrates into Enterprise. Stats can be accessed through Blue Cloud Analytics. Committee members expressed interest in seeing a demo version.

G.   Status Update on System Resources

None

H.   Calendar Items

1. Set date of next meeting: tentatively May 12, 2022

I.   Announcements

None

J.   Adjournment

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 10:58 a.m.