



Meeting Minutes Library Board

Wednesday, April 25, 2018

6:30 PM

Public Library

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Present 5 - Board Member Elizabeth Thompson, Board Member Chelsea Tremblay, Board Member Alec McMurren, Board Member Barbara Fish, and Board Member Cynthia McDonnell

Excused 2 - Board Member Marilyn Menish-Meucci, and Board Member Mary Koppes

2. Approval of the Minutes

approved

Attachments: LIB04181 - MINUTES

3. Amendment & Approval of Meeting Agenda

Member Fish requested the addition of a conversation about socks under discussion items.

approved as amended

4. Visitors Views Unrelated to Agenda

5. Visitors Views Related to Agenda

6. Staff Report

Decolonizing Alaska Exhibit

A grant has been submitted to the Petersburg Community Foundation to bring *Decolonizing Alaska* to Petersburg. This is a travelling multimedia visual art exhibit that features 31 pieces by contemporary native and non-native Alaskan artists to Petersburg. Works are in wide array of mediums from traditional (paintings, carvings) to unconventional (fish skin, moose antler). If successful, we would host the show for approximately 6 weeks early in 2019. Due to the size and scope of the exhibit, we anticipate that we will need to have pieces on display not only at the library, but also at the museum and Borough offices. As part of the exhibit fee a professional curator will come to Petersburg to install the display. A curator talk and possible artist workshop is also included in the fee.

Intern Hired

Veronica Bilenkin, a graduate student pursuing a Master's Degree in Library and Information Studies has been hired for the position. She comes to us from South Salem, New York. We'll be looking for a bike for her as well as volunteers who might like to take her out for some fine Petersburg experiences (boating, hiking). She will be in Petersburg July 11-Aug 24 and be working on a project with our Children's room collections. She is staying in an apartment donated by Karen Hofstad and all of her expenses are paid for

by the Alaska State Library.

discussed

Attachments: [LIB04182 - REPORT](#)

7. Unfinished Business

a. Storytellers Pole

discussed

Attachments: [LIB04183 - PILOT ARTICLE](#)

Attachments: LIB04184 - UNVEILING ANNOUNCEMENT

b. FY19 Operating Budget

The FY19 Library Budget was submitted to the Borough Manager without changes. It has since increased slightly since submitted due to projected increase costs in benefits and wages.

Attachments: LIB04185 - FY19 OPERATING BUDGET

8. New Business

a. Board/Staff Service planning session

Grant funds have been applied for to bring facilitators to town for a planning session in February or March 2019.

discussed

9. Communication

a. Reponse from Senator Sullivan on Net Neutrality letter.

discussed

Attachments: LIB04186 - SULLIVAN RESPONSE

10. Discussion Items

a. Reading: "The Library is Not Dead"

discussed

Attachments: [LIB04187 - READING](#)

b. Friends of the Library updates

The last book sale was not as profitable as they normally are.

discussed

c. Comments/ideas from the public & Board members

Member Fish let board members know about some amazing 'book socks' worn by George Bush Sr.

Member Thompson share a positive comment she heard about the librar.

discussed

d. Presentation for Assembly

The Library Director gave a PowerPoint presentation to the Board that will be given to the Assembly on May 7. Board members offered ideas to improve and shorted the presentation.

discussed

e. Next meeting: May 30

11. Adjournment