



## Meeting Minutes Library Board

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Wednesday, May 24, 2017

6:30 PM

Public Library

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### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

- Present** 5 - Board Member Elizabeth Thompson, Board Member Chelsea Tremblay, Board Member Mary Koppes, Board Member Alec McMurren, and Board Member Barbara Fish
- Excused** 1 - Board Member Marilyn Menish-Meucci
- Absent** 1 - Board Member Mary Ellen Anderson

### 2. Approval of the Minutes & Meeting Agenda

approved

Attachments: [LIB05171 MINUTES](#)

### 3. Visitors Views Unrelated/Related to Agenda

Joe Sebastian spoke to the Board about his dissatisfaction with the library's wi-fi. He has a great deal of difficulty getting his Apple laptop to connect and when it does the speed is too slow. He requested the Board remedy the situation by October.

discussed

### 4. Director's Report

#### Displays

In April, Pia Rielly treated us to a yellow 'look box' full of treasures in the large display case - yellow is the color of Easter in Sweden. In May the Chamber of Commerce has a Little Norway display. Artists continue to display their work behind the front desk. This fall we'll collaborate with Miele Gallery to offer a preview piece for upcoming shows.

#### Website

The website launch went smoothly. We've had a few very helpful comments that resulted in improvements to the site. The site averages about 300-500 visits per month. It's constantly being updated, recently with an online tour of the art in the library and an online Friends membership form that is currently being tested.

#### Listening Project

The project is on vacation until the fall. Stories from Kris Norosz and Jane Smith/Gina Esposito were

recorded in March.

### **Pioneer Profiles**

The project is done! Copies of the book were available for sale at Little Norway.

### **'Build a Better World' Summer Reading Challenge, June 5 - July 20**

This year rather than dividing the program into pre-readers and independent readers, we'll be offering one program for all. There will be weekly challenges that all ages can complete, lots of activities and programs offered and a pool party at the end of the program. Once again, we've receive many generous donations including: \$3000 from First Bank, two bicycles - one from PIA and another from Hammer & Wikan, and a special \$250 prize in memory of Jon Ness will be awarded to two 'super readers', one boy and one girl, at the end of the program.

### **2017 Summer Reading Donors!**

(list in progress and may be incomplete)

First Bank • Desiree & Steve Burrell • Sharon Wikan • Patty Zorich • Sue & Rick Braun • Karen Hofstad • Betty & Harry Rogers • Don & Karen Cornelius • Roxy Lee • Clyde & Jean Curry • Paul Bowen • Kris Norosz • Brian & Marjorie Paust • Petersburg Emblem Club • Donald & Joan Harrop • Barry & Kathy Bracken • Karen & James Schramek • Gina Esposito & Paul Olson • Mary Ellen Anderson • Beat the Odds • Liz, Jeff & Quincy Rice • Sons of Norway • Rocky's Marine • Aliberti Construction • Java Hus • Pioneers of Alaska Igloo 25 & 10 • Red House Readers Book Club • Whitacre Family • Mark & Karen Severson • Friends of Petersburg's Libraries • Sam & Linda Bunge • Caitlin LeDuc • Wells Fargo • Sally Dwyer • George & Sue Wood • Heidi Lombard • Jeanette Ness

**discussed**

**Attachments:**     [LIB05172 REPORT](#)

## **5. Unfinished Business**

### **a. Proposed FY18 Budget**

The budget passed in its second reading on May 15. The final reading is scheduled for Tuesday, May 30.

**discussed**

### **b. Shelter/Story Pole Project**

- Shelter: The Petersburg Community Foundation has awarded a \$2500 grant to the project for the shelter. We currently have the necessary funds available to move ahead with the shelter.
- Story Pole: If the Rasmuson Foundation Grant is received, \$6668 will still be needed to complete this part of the project. Ways to cover the funding gap are listed in the project budget. It is requested that the Board discuss and take action on the preferred way to cover this gap, should the Rasmuson Foundation funding be received. We will need to move ahead immediately in order to stay within the

deadline for grant expenditures (1 year).

The Board reviewed and discuss the project budget and ways to cover the funding gap.

**approved**

**Attachments:** LIB05173 PROJECT BUDGET

## **7. Memorandum of Understanding between the Library and the Friends**

Signed by the Board Chair, now to be signed by the Friends Chair.

**discussed**

## **6. New Business**

### **a. Non-library collection related gift – Ruth Sandvik wall hanging**

**approved**

**Attachments:** LIB05175 DONATION

### **b. October 2017 elections**

Terms are expiring for Members Anderson, Menish-Meucci, and Thompson.

**discussed**

## **7. Communication/Discussion**

### **a. Friends of Petersburg's Libraries updates**

Member Fish reported that the Friends have made \$730 from the book sale since the beginning of the year

### **b. Comments/ideas from the public and board members: Petersburg Write Laureate Program**

- Member Fish shared comments received from the public about the fireplace and color printing of the book covers on the holds. She also recently met Ken Hoover, a Wrangell author whose novel is now in the library's collection. The Alaska Digital Library was also discussed.
- Petersburg Writer Laureate program was discussed

c. Next meeting is tentatively scheduled for September 27, 2017.

8. Adjournment

adjourned