



Meeting Minutes Library Board

Wednesday, May 25, 2016

6:30 PM

Public Library

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Present 6 - Board Member Mary Ellen Anderson, Board Member Marilyn Menish-Meucci, Board Member Alec McMurren, Board Member Barbara Fish, Board Member Elizabeth Thompson, and Board Member Chelsea Tremblay

Absent 2 - Board Member Mary Koppes, and Board Member Brandy Mulbury

2. Approval of the Minutes

approved

Attachments: Minutes

3. Amendment & Approval of Meeting Agenda

approved

4. Visitors Views Related/Unrelated to Agenda

5. Director's Report

April Statistics

4711 people came through our doors

6978 items were checked out

39 programs were held

407 people attended library programs

meeting rooms were used 35 times by the public

2 passports were issued

9 tests were proctored

Memorial Donations for Warren 'Butch' Bailey

We have received over \$1500 in donations so have invited the family to have a halibut on the fishing wall. They would like donations to be used for "the young people of Petersburg to have every opportunity to benefit from books and media as a way to broaden their horizons and establish and achieve their goals in life". I am currently discussing using these funds for the Summer Reading Challenge with them.

Summer Reading Challenges

Reading starts June 6. We'll have two challenges, one for independent readers and one for pre-readers. They will be much the same as last year and entirely online. The main difference is that in addition to reading 120 minutes a week, participants will also be challenged to complete a task every week to earn an extra raffle ticket. There will be a VIP Pool Party for everyone who logs 120 minutes of reading every week June 6 - July 24.

John McCabe/Arts Endowment recognition

John's pieces are now up in one of the alcoves that faces the slough along with a plaque.

TEDx Petersburg Salon

Chelsea Tremblay hosted the first in our TEDx series, the topic was addiction. The group was small but the conversation fruitful, another is tentatively planned for September.

discussed

Attachments: [Director's Report](#)

6. Unfinished Business

a. FY17 Library Budget

The FY17 Budget has passed and will go into effect July 1, 2016. The legislature continues to discuss the State budget and we'll need to continue to watch for those that have a significant local impact.

discussed

b. Library Internet

The new 'bandwidth shaper' that equalizes access to our limited bandwidth has been installed and is currently being tested. Our new contract with GCI goes into effect July 1, 2016.

discussed

c. Landscaping

The project is going very well, work will continue through June. Plants are stored behind fencing in the current Power & Light parking lot. Planting will start late May/early June. The remainder of State of Alaska funding for the project is now spent. All further work will be done using the remaining donations to the new library capital campaign.

discussed

7. New Business

a. October 2016 Elections

Terms are expiring for Barb Fish (2/14) and Alec McMurren (10/04). Both expressed interested in running again in October.

discussed

8. Communication**a. Friends of Petersburg's Libraries updates**

Some interest was expressed in a cook book club. It was pointed out that a core group of committed volunteers would be the best way to approach it, rather than assigning it to a staff person. The item will appear again for discussion on a future meeting agenda.

discussed

b. Comments/ideas from the public

Member Fish brought a comment that the Friends Book Sale should appear in the paper. The group readdressed the issue that because this is a for-profit event, free space in the Pilot was not possible. Paying for an ad would not make sense in the context of the profit generated from the sale.

discussed

9. Discussion Items**a. Lee Mural from Municipal Building**

This was discussed at our last meeting....It is safely stored at public works. There is not a place for it at the new municipal building, and Polly is aware of that. Apparently it is in very poor condition and would need quite a lot of work.

discussed

10. Adjournment

The Director will be out of town Sept 12-Oct so our first meeting in the fall will be in October.

adjourned