



## Meeting Minutes Library Board

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Wednesday, May 27, 2015

6:30 PM

Public Library

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### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

**Present** 8 - Board Member Mary Ellen Anderson, Board Member Marilyn Menish-Meucci, Board Member Alec McMurren, Board Member Barbara Fish, Board Member Chelsea Tremblay, Student Representative Jasmine Ieremia, Board Member Sunny Rice, and Board Member Elizabeth Thompson

### 2. Approval of the Minutes

approved

**Attachments:** [LIB#15-025 Minutes](#)

### 3. Amendment & Approval of Meeting Agenda

*Item added under Communications (9B) to discuss Borough Strategic Planning Process*

approved as amended

### 4. Visitors Views Unrelated to Agenda

### 5. Visitors Views Related to Agenda

### 6. Staff Report

#### *Volunteers*

*Beverly Richardson and Martha Smith have teamed up to oversee the care of our interior plants. The paddles that were donated by the One People Canoe Society have been refinished by volunteers.*

#### *Library Catalog Upgrade*

*The library will be closed Monday June 15 for our catalog upgrade. If all goes well on June 16 we will go live with our new catalog.*

#### *Summer Reading Challenge*

*Registration for the Summer Reading Challenge opens at the end of May. Many school visits are planned to promote the program.*

#### *Petersburg Community Foundation Grant*

*The library was awarded a grant from the Petersburg Community Foundation for \$2500. These funds will be used to expand and enhance youth programming at the library using STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) concepts. The grant will pay for instructor stipends and supplies. The library has also received an \$8800 grant from the Alaska State Library to expand STEAM programming.*

**Attachments:** [Director's Report](#)

## 7. Unfinished Business

### a. FY17 Budget/Monday Closure

*The elimination of both the student page positions and the janitorial contract is now under consideration. A draft work schedule has been prepared. This will now be taken to HR and to individual employees for consideration. The Director is currently awaiting a projected FY17 Personnel Budget from the Human Resources Department.*

*There may also be the possibility of sharing a janitor with Parks & Rec for bathroom cleaning.*

**discussed**

## 8. New Business

*Members Rice and Tremblay's seats will be up for election in October 2015.*

**discussed**

### a. October 2015 Elections

**Attachments:**     [October 2015 Election](#)

## 9. Communication

### a. Parent Feedback

*A parent who participates in storytime recently passed on these accolades: "Just want to say again, thank you! The story times at the library are so fantastic with you engaging the kids the way you do. I had been reluctant to attend with Carsen for a while but the program just keeps improving now and Carsen actually looks forward to going, even though he is still a bit shy. So thank you again for the effort you are putting into engaging the youngest readers. I really appreciate it!"*

*Board Member Rice suggested that a storytime after regular work hours would be nice for working parents.*

*The possibility of a Board sponsored BBQ for volunteers this August was discussed. Board members generally agreed this was a good idea. The Library Director will contact the board this summer to see if enough members will be present to help out.*

**discussed**

### b. Borough Strategic Planning

*Board Member Tremblay is on the Borough Strategic Planning committee. She told the Board about the feedback collection activities that have been taking place. The committee is discussing the retention of younger people and what creative, cultural outlets are available in the community. She pointed out that the library is only social gathering place besides the bars that are not membership clubs and it also offers many creative/cultural opportunities. The committee is also interested in how to extend education opportunities for young adults and offer more career training. This is also a role that the library, as a testing center, currently plays and can expand. Member Tremblay remarked that many of the issues discussed during the board/staff service planning sessions were now being discussed by the committee.*

**discussed**

**10. Discussion Items**

*Board member Fish commented that while she was not able to attend the recent Science Series lecture, she heard from others that thought it was fantastic and were impressed that Petersburg would put on something of that caliber. 25 people turned out for the event about porposes and dolphins.*

*Member Rice mentioned that there will be a poetry reading/coffee house as part of the Rainforest Festival (Sept 10-13).*

*Appreciation was expressed by all for the efforts of the book store to sell used books and support the Friends of Petersburg's Libraries. Sing Lee Alley books is also offering a bookmark/coupon for 25% a book to Friends Book Sale customers.*

**discussed**

**11. Adjournment**

**adjourned**