



Meeting Minutes Library Board

Wednesday, September 24, 2014

6:30 PM

Assembly Chambers

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Present 6 - Board Member Karen Dillman, Board Member Alec McMurren, Chairperson Mary Ellen Anderson, Board Member Marilyn Menish-Meucci, Board Member Chelsea Tremblay, and Board Member Barbara Fish

Excused 2 - Board Member Elizabeth Thompson, and Board Member Jasmine Ieremia

2. Approval of the Minutes

approved

Attachments: Minutes from May 28, 2014 Library Board meeting

3. Amendment & Approval of Meeting Agenda

approved

4. Visitors Views Unrelated to Agenda

5. Visitors Views Related to Agenda

6. Staff Report

No bids were received for the first round of bidding on the landscaping; the library was extremely busy this summer, staff handled it well; public wi fi use was so high that it used up all of our bandwidth, our connection was slow and frustrating for public and staff alike so we will seek to increase our bandwidth in the FY16 budget process; the library was closed Sept 15&16 for annual cleaning and maintenance; new sign holders have been installed and they look great, more will be added; the library has received eRate funding for telecommunications in FY15; the grant funded project to digitize and preserve photos and other records of Tlingit culture in our community is complete, 200 photos have been added to the Alaska Digital Archive; all editions of the 2013 Petersburg Pilot have been digitized and added to the online archive; programs planned for the fall include the Manhattan Short Film Festival, Chess Club, Wreath Making, 'Zine writing and publishing; Northwest Coast formline workshop and music in the stacks.

discussed

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

7. Unfinished Business

- a. 2014 Art Education Endowment disbursement: A proposal is attached to use \$500 of the 2014 disbursement for a Northwest Coast Formline class and teen writing workshops.

approved

Attachments: [2014 Arts Endowment Funding Request](#)

8. New Business

a. Non-collection donation: Mosaic panels

approved

Attachments: [Donation of Mosaic Panels](#)

b. Non-collection donation: Forget-Me-Not painting

The number of non-collection donations on the agenda prompted a discussion of the role of the library and its limited capacity to house these gifts. Board members asked to review and potentially revise the donation policy to clarify the acceptance of non-collection gifts at their next regular meeting.

postponed

Attachments: [Donation of painting](#)

c. Non-collection donation: Anatuvak Pass prints

postponed

Attachments: [Donation of prints](#)

9. Communication

a. Email from Cindi Lagoudakis thanking the library for digitizing the newspapers

Attachments: [Email from Cindi Lagoudakis](#)

b. Suggestion from Polly Lee to host an art reception for public art in the library

Board members agreed that this was a great idea and thought it would be appropriate for the Friends group. The possibility of having it as part of a fishing/maritime celebration was discussed.

discussed

c. Letter to the Editor from Sarah Holmgrain regarding age limits on Summer Reading Challenge

The letter to the editor was discussed along with Chairperson Anderson's follow-up response that was published the following week. Concern was expressed that some

of the information in the original letter was inaccurate and did not properly represent summer offerings at the library. Board members also discussed the appropriateness of the use of the Accelerated Reader program for kindergarten aged children. At a future board meeting the results of a survey of summer reading program parents will be presented and a revised and improved program will be presented to the board for discussion.

discussed

Attachments: [Letter to the Editor from Sarah Holmgren](#)

- d. Board member Fish passed on comments she had heard this summer from both residents and visitors about the facility and slow public wireless

10. Discussion Items

- a. Use of library by temporary residents

The benefits and drawbacks of charging for non-resident library cards was discussed. The Library Director will bring more information about what other libraries do to the next board meeting.

discussed

Attachments: [Temporary library users](#)

11. Adjournment