



Meeting Minutes Library Board

Tuesday, November 10, 2020

10:00 AM

Zoom

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

Present 7 - Board Member Barbara Fish, Board Member Alec McMurren, Board Member Gina Esposito, Mary Ellen Anderson, Marilyn Menish-Meucci, Elisa Teodori, and Elizabeth Thompson

2. Approval of the Minutes

Attachments: LIB1110-1 MINUTES.pdf

3. Amendment & Approval of Meeting Agenda

Added: Discussion of after hours WiFi access.

4. Visitors Views Related/Unrelated to Agenda

5. Staff Report

DISCOVERY KITS - 'Discovery Kits' are a new collection we are creating for checkout. They are youth STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art, and Math) kits that will include tools and/or toys with books for exploring a STEAM concept at home. STEAM activities and programs are credited with increasing knowledge and skill amongst participants, as well as leading to increased enrollment in STEAM related courses in high school and beyond. Discovery Kits were the new and upcoming library collection before COVID and have become more relevant during this time of social distancing and lack of public gatherings. The project is fully funded, thank you to Kris Norosz, the Rasmuson Foundation, Alaska Airlines and the Friends of the library.

VANDALISM - Thank you to volunteer Andrew Bartson who put a great deal of time and effort to remove graffiti from the exterior of the building. It did not come off easily and it is likely that in the future the siding may need to be painted, replaced or some other creative solution will be needed to make the building look nice again. The Board discussed the possibility of doing a mural on the wall, this would need to happen after the video cameras are working again.

NEWSPAPER ARCHIVE - All issues of issues of the 2019 Petersburg Pilot have been added to our online newspaper database: <http://petersburg.advantage-preservation.com/>

PASSPORT SERVICES - Passport Services will be resuming Mondays in November, 7:30am - 3:00pm. An appointment is required.

VIDEO SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM - I have asked for a quote from Homeport Electronics to replace our video

surveillance system. Our current system is outdated and increasingly dysfunctional. The hard drive has failed and it no longer records.

PROGRAMS

- **CIVICS STORY TIMES:** Last 2 Saturdays in Oct. via Zoom. The stories are nonpartisan, cover the concept of voting for young children, and democracy vocabulary.
- **BOOKS GET OUR VOTE:** A Statewide voting program for kids. Kids can cast a ballot for their preferred fictional storybook character at the front desk through November 3 (the character needs to be a US Citizen/creation.) and receive an "I Voted" sticker. The ballots will be counted statewide on Nov 4-5
- **HEATHER LENDE - ALASKA READS 2020:** As part of the 2020 ALASKA READS program, we will have a live call-in program on KFSK Thursday Nov 5, 10-11am. Multiple copies of the book are available for check out.
- **ANCHORAGE PROGRAMS:** We have four programs on our calendar that are online programs sponsored by Anchorage Public Library.
 - The Color of Money: Discussion of the film "Dark Money" (will need to watch this ahead of time, link in description) 10/22 @7pm
 - Cross-Country Cultural Exchange & Conversation (Wanted: 1964 Earthquake stories to share.) 10/29 @11am & 11/14 @11am
 - Campaign Finance, States Rights, and the Constitution: Where are we and how did we get here? 11/19 @7pm

discussed

Attachments: LIB1110-2 DIRECTORS REPORT.pdf

6. Unfinished Business

a. October 2020 Election

Welcome back Mary Ellen!

7. New Business

a. Election of officers

Marilyn Menish-Meucci was elected to the library board chair position for another year.

approved

b. \$100,000 Donation to the Library Endowment Fund

Sue Paulsen would like to donate \$100,000 the library's general endowment and have the Community Room named in honor of her mother, Helmi Jensen. During the capital campaign for the new library the giving level for naming the Community Room

was set at \$100,000. The library's donor recognition policy approved 2/22/2012 is attached for reference.

The donation and naming of the Community Room as the 'Helmi Jensen Community Room' passed unanimously!

approved

Attachments: [LIB1110-3 DONOR LETTER & POLICIES.pdf](#)

8. Discussion Items

a. After hours wifi access

Member Fish has received positive comments about the 24/7 WiFi access. She asked if the usage had gone up and if it will continue to be on 24/7 permanently. Director Alcock noted that usage overall was down due to COVID, so that any increase as a result was not noticeable. The plan is to keep it on indefinitely because it is available service for some.

discussed

b. Friends Annual Meeting

Member Fish reported that revenue was down due to the cancellation of the monthly books sales, but that the Friends still have approximately \$6,000. The Friends are in good standing with the IRS. Denise Galli completed the books for babies program and the books and bags are available at the public health center for moms and their newborns. Susan Holmes is going to continue to organize the giving tree at Sing Lee Alley Books. The book sale will tentatively restart in April during National Library Week, but many logistical details need to be worked out.

c. Next regular meeting Tuesday Dec 8 @ 10am (tentative)

9. Adjournment