

Kettleon Memorial Library Board Commission Meeting Minutes

January 2, 2008

Location: Harrigan Centennial Hall

CALL TO ORDER: Curt Ledford called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.

Roll Call:

Board Members Present: Curt Ledford, Jan Love, Barbara Bingham, Jane Eidler, Alice Johnstone, and David Kreiss-Tomkins.

Staff Present: Catherine Parker, Acting Library Director.

Guests: None.

Quorum: Yes.

Members Absent: Holly Keen, Cheryl Pearson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

The December meeting minutes were unanimously approved.

ADDITIONS /CHANGES TO AGENDA:

None.

AGENDA DISCUSSION ITEMS:

Sitka Reads

- The chosen book for this event is *Capitol offense*: a Nik Kane Alaska mystery by Doogan, Mike
- Curt said he would contact author to set up a meeting.

Fundraising Calendar

- Some money reported not turned in yet.
- Board members expressed a desire to get an updated accounting when all monies collected and remaining calendars counted. It was assumed, even though not all of the calendars sold, that money was made. Monies collected needs to be deposited in the "Friends" account and could wait until Cheryl returns mid-January.
- There was discussion but no resolution as to what to do with remaining calendars. One last push vs price reduction etc.

- It was reiterated that a calendar would not be produced next year as this project is only done every other year.
- Next time a big PSA in the newspaper was thought to be appropriate as advertisement.
- It was felt that possibly too many calendars were produced this year (double the last attempt)
- It was felt that the physical calendar was better this year but positive comments were made on the photos from the previous project.
- There was talk of putting in more timely photos (4th of July etc.), including Sitka dates throughout calendar supplied by different groups, photos supplied by the public, contests or the board members. Barbara said she would give information concerning resolution requirements needed for production.
- Continuation of this discussion will occur at the upcoming visioning session on January 19th.

Preliminary planning for Saturday's January 19th visioning session

- Visioning session WILL be held at the library as there are no other library programs occurring at that time and more space needed. The session will be from 9:00-12:00. Jan will take notes and as it is Alice's birthday it was discovered that she likes vanilla and chocolate ice cream.
- Directive given to commissioners to think of goals that they would like to present at the meeting: what direction should the library be going, what role the board should play etc.

New Business

- Copies of interesting magazine articles presented from John Stein & Curt Ledford. "Future Reading; Digitiation and its discontents" by Anthony Grafton, *The New Yorker*, November 5th 2007 and "The Future of Reading" by Steven Levy, *Newsweek*, November 26th 2007.
- David inquired whether the library would subscribe to the *Daily Sentinel's* online archival access. Cathy said she would ask Cheryl about it.
- Curt inquired about progress on archival activity at Sheldon Jackson College. Cathy responded that she had talked with Ginny Blackson and received an email report concerning the C.L. Andrews collection. It appears that the collection is totally accounted for, catalogued, will remain intact, carefully handled and stored by volunteers under archivists supervision, relocated to a safe location in Stratton and atmosphere monitored with new equipment. David attested to this report as he was involved with the process.
- Alice inquired about volunteers and "The Friends of the Library" group. Cathy said that we have a small number of very capable, reliable regular volunteers (5 or 6) that staff has requested be recognized for their tireless efforts. Cheryl within the last month sent out nice gift certificates & holiday gifts for them. There are still plans for a write-up in the paper. Cathy continued to say that as far as she was aware, there really was no "Friends of the Library" group. Lists of names for this group that board members may have are in great need of being updated as many people have moved on and left town. But there is no active group. Board members talked about other

libraries that have active groups and it was thought that this might be a good topic of discussion for the upcoming visioning meeting.

- In conclusion, it was reiterated that future meetings should be held at 7:00pm, not 7:30pm.

Library Report

- There was no formal report made as Library Director Cheryl Pearson was absent. Board members did inquire about how things were going at the library and Acting Library Director Cathy Parker said that the library was running smoothly. The addition of Maite Lorente as new Youth Services Director was greatly welcomed and she was already busily assessing programs, collections, and producing programs for Sitka's youth and families. Board members inquired about the survey Maite had taken and Cathy said she would get back to the Board members concerning the results. Other than staffing being a bit slim over the holidays due to illness and vacations, the library was fine.

Adjournment:

The meeting adjourned after 8:00 p.m.

Next Meeting:

A "visioning" work session will be held at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 19th at Kettleson Memorial Library.

Respectfully Submitted,

Catherine Parker
Acting Library Director

Approved,

Curt Ledford
Library Board Commission Chair