

## **Sitka Public Library Commission Meeting Minutes September 2021**

Scheduled via Zoom (Meeting ID 885 6613 4310)

at 6:00 p.m. on September 1, 2021

The Sitka Public Library Commission met on Wednesday, September 1st, 2021 via Zoom video conference. The meeting was called to order at 6:02 pm. by Chair, Nicole Filipek.

### **Roll Call**

*Present:* Nicole Filipek (Chair), Jessica Ieremia (Library Director), Margie Esquiro (Commissioner), Stephen Morse (Commissioner), Valorie Nelson (Assembly Liaison), Darryl Rehkopf (Commissioner) and Jeff Budd (Commissioner).

### **Public Comment**

*No members of the public present.*

### **Changes to and Approval of the Agenda**

*No changes; agenda is approved.*

### **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes**

*Minutes from the August, 2021 meeting are corrected and approved to reflect that there will be no report by the art selection committee at the September meeting.*

### **Reports**

#### **Jessica Ieremia (Library Director):**

- Patron visits in August remained approximately the same as July. There are still only two public computers available due to IT issues, and this has led to a decline in public computer use. The IT department reports that it cannot give SPL any more computers, although they have been on order for several months. Jessica will bring it to the attention of the city administrator.
- Amy, the Library User Experience Intern, completed her project and left Sitka in late August. She made a compilation of her visit in a Powerpoint which Jessica will share with the commission in a future meeting.
- The library has received an American Rescue Plan grant from NASA which will include funds and programming. Other local entities (such as SCS) would like to collaborate.
- CANOPY may soon be available to SPL patrons.
- For families with younger users, the 'grab and go' program remains very popular and a new audio offering of 5-minute stories called 'Story Time' is now available in English and Spanish. To listen, call the library (747-4020) and select #9.
- For adults, Margot has been collaborating with island artists in order to schedule art talks and presentations. The 'Ride to Read' program, in cohort with the Friends of the Library has been very successful; as a means to provide access to the library, it has been great, according to staff.

Valorie Nelson

*No report.*

Nicole Filipek

*No report.*

Jeff Budd

Friends of the Library have been discussing ideas for fund-raising for SPL's centennial celebration next year such as a library grind and in-building book sales, which have resulted in almost \$500 since April.

**Old Business**

*None*

**New business**

Policy for art donated to SPL: ***Motion: The Commission requests that the library director prepare a draft of an Art Donation Policy, including a proposed application, for Commission review at the next meeting. (Moved: DR, seconded: ME/SM) All approved.***

**Comments/Items for the next agenda**

*Intern's Powerpoint; Art Donation Policy; Director's Report*

*Meeting adjourned at 7:41 p.m.*

***Next meeting is scheduled for October 13th at 6 p.m. (due to travel out of town by commissioners and staff) in the Centennial Building (if possible) and via Zoom.***

*Minutes submitted by Darryl Rehkopf, Secretary*