

Sitka Public Library Commission Minutes

October 5, 2022

In Person Meeting at Harrigan Centennial Hall

The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Chair, Nicole Filipek.

Roll Call

Present: Nicole Filipek (Chair), Jeff Budd (Commissioner), Tommy Martin (Commissioner), Sandy Fontaine (Commissioner), Allison Lawrie (Commissioner), Dave Miller (Assembly Liaison)

Excused: Margie Esquiro (Commissioner), Jessica Ileremia (Library Director)

Public Comment: No members of the public present

Approval of the Agenda –

Added review of 100th Year Proclamation under Comments

Agenda approved

Approval of previous Minutes from September 7, 2022 meeting

M/S by Jeff/Sandy to approve the Minutes of September 7, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports:

Jessica Ileremia (Library Director) -

- Visitors were up from last year due to tourism, check outs are holding steady, computer sessions up slightly
- Track Lighting needs replacement as it is difficult to repair
- IT is working on getting a contract but no confirmation about what will be ordered
- Lots of October programming with Arm Chair Travels returning in-person and in-person storytelling will be returning in November.
- November Book Challenge and Sitka Reads in the works
- Nicole had questions about the Budget Report – it will be discussed at the next meeting

Dave Miller (Assembly Liaison) –

- He will be stepping down from the Assembly at the next Assembly meeting due to health issues so this is his last Library Commission meeting as liaison.

Nicole Filipek (Commissioner) –

- No response (yet) to the IT letter that was submitted to the Administrator and Assembly by the Library Commission.
- Nicole has received a sample proclamation from Sarah Peterson, she will forward it out to everyone for review but would like some input from other Commissioners

Friends Liaison (Jeff Budd) –

- Still working on Sitka Reads for November
- Upcoming events: Spelling Bee in February, and the Book Challenge in April

Library Centennial Planning (Jeff) -

- Saturday, April 1st is the date with a short program and activities at the Library and food/overflow activities at Harrigan
- February Author = Lauren Peters
- March 9th Author visit
- LC would like a calendar and schedule of events for the next meeting
- Questions about the Art Exhibit should be directed to Jess.

New Business -

Preview of the SPL Annual Report - Jess provided a copy and we will have time to discuss it more at the next meeting. It is used for reporting to the state and also for grants.

Short Takes for Library Trustees interfaces with the American Library Association, offered through Alaska State Library through the end of 2022. We could request funds from the Friends for our own membership for 2023 so that we could have access to the videos. Commissioners can have direct access to the site, just let Nicole know.

The Commissioners present watched “*What it Means to be a Trustee*” and “*Board Meetings*”

Old Business – Letter sent to the Administrator and the Assembly regarding our IT concerns, but we have not had any response yet. Let’s give it another month.

Comments, Announcements, Items for the next month’s agenda - Nicole will have a 100th Year Proclamation for us to look over at the November meeting. We will also watch a couple more Short Takes for Library Trustees videos. We will keep the IT issues on the Agenda. Calendar of Events for the 100th Celebration is requested.

Public Comment: No members of the public present

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, November 2, 2022 6pm at Harrigan Centennial Hall
(Allison asked to be excused due to her work schedule)**

Meeting adjourned at 7:08 pm

Minutes submitted by Margie Esquiro, Secretary