

Sitka Public Library Commission Minutes
September 7, 2022
In Person Meeting at Harrigan Centennial Hall
Zoom # 892 5491 6329

NOTE: The Library Commission did not meet in July or August due to lack of a quorum

Meeting was called to order at 6:05p.m. by Chair, Nicole Filipek

Roll Call

Present: Nicole Filipek (Commissioner), Margie Esquiro (Commissioner), Sandy Fontaine (Commissioner), Tommy Martin (Commissioner), Jessica Ieremia (Library Director), Dave Miller (Assembly Liaison)

Jeff Budd (Commissioner) attended by Zoom

Excused: Allison Lawrie (Commissioner)

Public Comment - No members of the public present. Written comments from a patron regarding the frustrations encountered when printing and questions regarding the privacy of library computer users were read into the record.

Approval of the Agenda - Added Training Video after Announcements, Agenda Approved

Approval of previous Minutes from June 1, 2022 meeting

M/S by Tommy/Sandy to approve the Minutes of June 1, 2022. Motion passed unanimously.

Reports

Jessica Ieremia (Library Director)

- Visitor numbers are up considerably due to increased Tourists
- Checkouts, and Holds remain steady
- Computer sessions are up due to the new computers
- Display case replacement glass hopefully in October
- Copy machines have not been ordered and no updates from IT about the timeline, computer problems continue, still waiting for new computers for staff and circulation
- New regular P/T employee Sarah Harris
- Possibility of hiring a page for shelving books
- New Library hours Monday-Saturday 10am-6pm and Sunday 12-4pm
- September Programming includes Voter Registration, Celebration of Intellectual Freedom, 3 Preschool GRAB N GOs, and Babies & Books Story Art
- STA's Survey of community wide activities for children showed that Babies & Books, Imagination Library, and Library Story Time were at the top for participation
- Jess will attend DIRLEAD Conference October 4 – 7, 2022 in Anchorage

Dave Miller (Assembly Liaison) – Nothing to report

Friends Liaison (Jeff Budd) – Continued planning for Sitka Public Reads (Dear Fahrenheit 451), January 2023 Library Grind, Spelling Bee on February 2, 2023, Book Challenge on April 28, 2023

Library Centennial Planning (Jess & Margie) - Tee shirts sales continue at the Library as a fundraiser. The main celebration was to be on Saturday, March 4, 2023 (but it has been changed to April 1, 2023) at SPL with an Art Show (Place of Stories theme), 100 year displays, a children's craft, costumes, and cupcakes. Food trucks and music at Harrigan are also in the planning stages. Activities will also be sprinkled throughout January – April of 2023. Right now we have 2 authors lined up: Bren Smith (Eat Like a Fish: My Adventures as a Fisherman Turned Restorative Ocean Farmer), and Lauren Peters, UC Davis PhD who will speak on the return of her great-aunt's remains to St. Paul, Alaska and the Fort Ross/Sitka connection. Bob Sam will introduce her and present also.

New Business -

- Two Art Donations Requests have come in:

M/S by Sandy/Tommy to accept the portrait of John Straley. Motion failed.

M/S by Margie/Sandy to accept the Poetry Buoy. Motion failed.

- CBS Code review of Library Commission meeting schedule. Discussion as we have missed 2 meetings due to not having a quorum. No action taken at this time.

Old Business - Technology Services are still an issue; no plan for replacing computers (OPAC, circulation, and staff); limited communication with IT; no word on replacing copy machines. It was noted that \$166,787 of this year's Library budget goes to IT. Nicole & Jeff will draft a letter to send to the Assembly and the Administrator for all the commissioners to review and sign.

Public Comment - No members of the public present

BREAK from 7:24pm – 7:28pm

Announcements & Commissioner's Comments – “Short Takes for Trustees” training modules are available from American Library Association until the end of 2022. There are 10 modules, each 8-10 minutes long. It was decided that we would watch the first 2 modules at the October meeting and discuss them as a group, and we would look into becoming members of the American Library Association so that we could have access to the videos next year also. Note: we did not watch any training videos at this meeting.

It was also discussed that we still need to fill a vacancy on the Library Commission.

Items for the next month's agenda – “Short Takes for Trustees” training videos; Nicole will look into the Proclamation for Celebrating 100 Years of SPL; Technology Services under Old Business for continued discussion; Annual Report (for review at November meeting) will be provided

Next Meeting: Wednesday, October 5, 2022

Margie Esquiro (traveling) and Jess Ieremia (attending DIRLEAD meeting) asked to be excused

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44p.m.

(Minutes approved at October 5, 2022 meeting and submitted by Margie Esquiro, Secretary)