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Date: January 17, 2025,  
To: City Clerk  
From: Cheryl Thompson, Museum Director  
Re: Quarterly Report, Fiscal year 25, 2nd Quarter  
October, November, December

Although October is the beginning of the slower time of the year, we started it off October 10<sup>th</sup> with the opening of a new exhibit. It's called 'Our Way of Life' featuring colorful paintings by Danielle Larson and squirrel skin parkas made by various artists with one being Marjorie Tahbone and another Joni Earp, both Nome women. The articles of the exhibit were made with help of a grant and another grant funded the exhibit being shown at the Bunnell Street Gallery in Homer, the Alaska Native Heritage Center in Anchorage and here in Nome. Most of the artists involved were able to come to Nome and talked about their influences and inspiration for making their pieces. I was thankful to hear their stories and pass them along to other visitors who came in later. The Museum acquired one of the paintings titled 'Pilot Bread By the Sea'.

Planning continued for the celebration of the Serum Run in 1925. A second meeting was held with activities and history talks fleshed out.

NACTEC brought an ANSEP group in for a Museum tour. Their focus was aviation and we were able to provide a story from the Anchorage Daily News about the first airplane in Alaska being in Nome. Unfortunately, it didn't get off the ground but it was years ahead of any other plane that did.

The Director continued participating in weekly classes on Archive Training and resources.

October 20<sup>th</sup>, Seattle author Genet Simone came up to have a book talk about her memoir 'Teaching In The Dark'. Her first year of teaching anywhere, was in Shishmaref and chronicles her experiences in that small village. Her talk was well attended for a very stormy Sunday and even one of her former students attended! The Museum purchased a few copies for our gift store and they have been selling pretty well, along with all the other new and used books we have available.

November brought more planning and definition for the Serum Run Celebration with quite a bit of community participation.

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The 'Our Way of Life' exhibit closed the end of November. Before that, Dustin Khoeler came in and videoed and photographed the entire show. He made a 30 second add that was put on facebook on the Museum's and the Director's pages. With his help, the Museum had 45 people who came in to see it on Friday and Saturday of Thanksgiving weekend! The next week it was all packed and returned to Anchorage with the exception of the one painting that was purchased.

City Hall staff returned to City Hall at the completion of the heating and ventilation overhaul.

December started off with the Christmas Extravaganza at Old Saint Joes. It was definitely another big success. Thank you to Angie Nguyen for doing almost all the work planning and to Building Maintenance crew for the physical labor of putting up the tree and hauling chairs. The Museum provided some backup.

After several years of no get togethers, City employees participated in a Christmas dinner with NJUS employees. It was a very nice gathering and fun to see people even participate in some games. Thank you.

The number of 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter visitors was 458 and sales were \$1,147.99.