



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Wednesday, October 26, 2022

12:00 PM

Ruth Sandvik Conference
Room/Zoom

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1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Member Esposito called the meeting to order at 12:07pm.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. Approval of minutes from Wednesday, May 25, 2022 meeting.

The minutes from the Wednesday, May 25, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

B. Approval of minutes from Wednesday, September 28, 2022 meeting.

The minutes from the Wednesday, September 28, 2022 meeting were unanimously approved.

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

4. Persons to be Heard Related / Unrelated to Agenda

There were no visitors at the meeting.

5. Director's Report

A. Staff

Adrian Ducat was hired to fill our vacant student library page position this summer

Martha Cummins & Beth Loesch will be training to become passport acceptance agents and learn how to catalog new material this fall

In October Kari Petersen began a four-month continuing education class with the Erickson Institute, Media Literacy in Early Childhood. She's learning curate apps and technology use for kids under the age of seven and how to help parents of young children develop their skills of decision-making around technology for kids based on the science of human development. The future of library storytime is evolving to include teaching literacy skills in all types of media.

The Library Director attended the Alaska Library Director's Leadership Retreat in October. The meeting was held in Anchorage and was focused on creating a learning organization. The trip was paid for by the Alaska State Library.

Maintenance

The area in front of the library adjacent to the large landscaping bed in the front has been paved by Bob Olson & his crew. The project was funded by donations to the library. A few benches and planters are planned in the future.

Voices of Séet Ká Kwáan

This ARPA funded grant project wrapped up at the end of September. Twenty two radio shows/podcasts were recorded, a list is attached to show the scope of programs recorded. The goal of the project was "to increase awareness of the diverse experiences and contributions of our indigenous community". All who responded to our post-project survey agreed that this outcome was met, they both learned something from listening and overall awareness in our community was increased. The feedback we received from both participants and listeners was overwhelmingly positive. People who participated in the show reported being humbled by the amount of positive feedback they received from random community members which fostered a sense of community for participants and listeners alike. As a result of this endeavor KFSK radio has decided to continue with a local Indigenous time slot in its programming. We are grateful to the Content Committee who made this project possible.

Libraries in Community Systems

Our library will be participating in an 18 month Institute for Museum & Library Services funded research that will create a measure for the effectiveness of library services and partnerships, in terms of social wellbeing. This national research project seeks to create a clearer understanding of the unique role public libraries play within community systems, and how this role can be maximized for improved social wellbeing outcomes. More information about the project can be found at <https://nnyln.org/about/imls-research21-24/>

Programs

Summer STREAM & Baby Bookworms, the library's youth summer programs, wrapped up on July 10. 135 kids participated in the program, logging 78,750

minutes of reading and completing 1,423 educational challenges. 171 community members of all ages participated in library summer reading programs this year. Thank you to the community members, businesses and organizations who make our summer programs possible.

In August the library offered a pilot program for Sealaska Heritage Institute's *Baby Raven Reads* Program. Three story times were offered that featured Lingít culture and language. Jeanette Ness was our cultural specialist and local elders Debra O'Gara, Mary Ann Rainey, Mary Katasse-Miller and Karin McCullough contributed to the program. Nearly 40 community members participated in the story time events. This program will now be expanded to 12 additional communities and libraries in Southeast Alaska.

Weekly storytime is back and attendance is growing

90 tickets were sold for the *Manhattan Short Global Film Festival* which ran for two nights. Next year the tentative plan is to have it at Northern Nights Theater

Yogawith Karen Malcom is being offered on Saturdays

*Estate Planning*with Juneau attorney Liz Smith

*Navigating the News*with Jill Lenhard offered tips to help you sharpen your vetting skills for navigating today's news environment

Orin Pierson returned this summer to teach his popular *Rainforest Writers Workshops*, more are planned for the fall

*Halloween Rocks!*A guitar class for kids with Dan Sullivan is currently under way

The *Petersburg Science Series* resumes Oct 21 with a presentation on the Bering Strait region

*Watercolor Painting*with Pia Reilly is scheduled for Oct 28-20, the class is full

*Robotics for Kids*starts November 4, this is a 4-session program using iPads and Lego kits purchased with funding from the Petersburg Community Foundation, Kris Norosz and the Rasmuson Foundation. The class will be led by student teachers Adrian Ducat & Nicole Durgan. According to Kari "It has been a delight to work with these teens as they developed a plan for the program, learned about the concept of learning through play, and how to best achieve this with the students they will

have.”

The GOAT teens did an on-air interview about their Friday afternoon radio show and the upcoming Robotics program for the KFSK fundraiser.

This year Head Start is bringing 20 students to the library every Friday before we open for a storytime with fingerplays, singing, dancing, and sign language. They also check out books for the classroom. It has been wonderful to see the kids begin to understand what the library is, have them become comfortable in the space, and anticipate Library time with great excitement.

Our new Seed Library is available and can be found in the gardening section section. Thank you to Volunteer Stephanie Aikins for organizing and maintaining

6. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

7. New Business

A. October 2022 Municipal Election: Welcome to our new Board member Debra O’Gara and welcome back to Barb Fish & Alec McMurren who have been reelected to the board.

B. Election of Officers: At the first meeting after the election, it is necessary for the Board to elect a Chair and a Co-Chair in the event of the chair's absence.

Member Marilyn Menish-Meucci was reelected as Chair, Member Barb Fish was reelected as Co-Chair.

C. Donation Policy: Kupreanof resident Doug Leen donated books to the library a few years ago. Mr. Leen was very concerned they were not in the library's collection. A letter that was sent to him with the library's donation policy is attached for Board review and discussion.

Board members discussed the donation policy and voted unanimously to uphold the current policy as written.

8. Discussion Items

A. Friends of the Library Updates:

The Oct 1 Friends of Petersburg Libraries book sale was a huge success - over 50 people attended. Thank you to everyone who helped with the sorting, set up, sale and clean up. \$644.00 was collected (book sales, silent auction, Friends memberships).

The next book sale is scheduled for Dec 3 11-1pm, there will be a Silent Auction and Christmas Table.

Their Annual Meeting is planned for later this fall, date to be announced.

B. Next Meeting: Wednesday Nov 23 at noon.

9. Adjourn

Meeting adjourned at 12:45pm.