



# Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive  
Petersburg, AK 99833

## Meeting Minutes Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting

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Wednesday, December 01, 2021

2:00 PM

Via Zoom

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### 1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Chairperson Marilyn Menish Meucci called the meeting to order.

### 2. Approval of Minutes from Wednesday, October 20, 2021 meeting

Minutes were approved as submitted.

### 3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as submitted.

### 4. Persons to be Heard Related / Unrelated to Agenda

John McCabe was in attendance to speak under agenda item 7A. Updated guidelines for the Art Education Endowment.

### 5. Director's Report

A. On Nov 3 the library, along with all Borough buildings, was closed by the Borough Manager due to a COVID outbreak in the community. At the time this was written the library remains closed. Staff continue to work in the building on special projects. During the closure staff offered curbside service M-Sat 11:30-1:30. This has been a popular service. Passport services were no offered during the facility closure. The facility will reopen on Thursday Dec 2.

The sign for the Helmi Jensen Community Room will not meet the target installation date for Dec 6. The vinyl will arrive in early December.

The library is hosting a retrospective exhibit of the ceramic works of Polly Lee in November. Unfortunately we were closed for the entire time, so Heather and Kari recorded a wonderful YouTube video tour. This can be seen on the library's YouTube channel. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7oEB82ua4Lk>

The library has received two American Rescue Plan grants from the Alaska State Library:

1. Easy Grant: \$3500 for janitorial service, \$2500 for collections

2. Project Grant: \$39,661 for the The Petersburg Indigenous Voices Project. In collaboration with KFSK and the Petersburg Indigenous Awareness Committee the project will produce 36 thirty-minute radio podcasts with original content generated by a committee of local tribal members. The project is underway!

Planning is underway for the 2022 Winter Reading Challenge (Jan 1-31). The theme this year is 'Build a Better World.' We are planning a program that, rather than awarding prizes, awards a donation on behalf of the winners to a local non-profit of their choosing. The Friends are sponsoring the program and have donated \$1,000.

The Director will be out of the office Dec 20-31.

## **6. Unfinished Business**

- A. The Board reviewed the letter that was sent to Harvey Gilliland in response to his request for reconsideration.

## **7. New Business**

- A. John McCabe provided some background and description of the changes that were made. Board members thanked John for his generosity and vision.

Member Thompson moved that the Board adopt the guidelines as presented. The motion passed unanimously.

- B. Privacy Policy as it relates to children's accounts was discussed. Member Thompson moved that the Privacy Policy be renewed. The motion passed unanimously.

## **8. Discussion Items**

### **A. Friends of the Library Updates**

Board Member Fish updated the group on the book sale, which will now take place Dec 4 & 11.

- B. Next Meeting: Wed Jan 27 @ 2pm

We will consider holding this meeting in person.

## **9. Adjourn**

