



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Library Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, July 23, 2024

12:00 PM

Ruth Sandvik Conference Room

The meeting was held in person in the library's Ruth Sandvik Conference Room and via Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/84737013052>

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

2. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The agenda was approved as presented.

3. Persons to be Heard Related / Unrelated to Agenda:

Gretchen Pullar, daughter of Lee Ribich, was in attendance. She asked that Board members seriously consider David Ribick's request. She spoke about how important Lee has been both to the community and the school as a coach and teacher.

A. Board Chair Menish-Meucci then read a letter submitted by David Ribick for the record.

4. New Business

A. Consideration of waiving donation requirement for naming a section of the adult non-fiction collection: The Board is asked to consider waiving the \$5,000 requirement to name the Poetry section of the adult non-fiction collection in honor of Lee Ribich. The \$5,000 donor level was established during the capital campaign for a new library. At that time 8 donors contributed at that level. These donations are recognized by engraved wooden blocks displayed with the books. The library's donor recognition policy is attached.

Board Member O'Gara made a motion to consider waiving the donation requirement for naming a section of the adult non-fiction collection.

The history of the capital campaign for a new library was discussed. The campaign, which reached its goal in 2013, established donor levels and naming protocols. These

protocols have been used with significant donations since 2013. First with the bench for Marie Giesbrecht bench, second with the naming of the Helmi Jensen Community Room.

Board members reviewed the library's current donor recognition policy, passed by the Board in 2012. Some concern was expressed about honoring the financial contributions from past donors and the potential issues waiving the donor requirement in this instance might create. There was also discussion about consistent aesthetics for donor recognition.

Board members who know Lee Ribich expressed great appreciation for him and understanding of the value of recognizing his contributions. While non-monetary honorific naming is addressed briefly in the policy, it lacked the level of specificity needed to take action at this time. Addressing this at a fall meeting was discussed.

Board Member O'Gara withdrew the motion to consider waiving the donation requirement for naming a section of the adult non-fiction collection.

After the motion was withdrawn Board members discussed having an event to honor Lee Ribich hosted by the Friends of the Library. Initial details were discussed with Gretchen Pullar.

- B. Acceptance of artwork from David Ribick:** David Ribick requests that the library accept artwork by Natalia Wohletz, Milford MI for the library's Poetry section. The library's *Acceptance of Non-Library Related Collections Policy* is attached.

This item was tabled by Member O'Gara.

5. Adjourn

The meeting was adjourned at 1:09pm.