



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg AK, 99833

Meeting Minutes Library Board

Thursday, January 21, 2021

10:00 AM

ZOOM

not recorded, technical difficulties

1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Approval of the Minutes

approved

Attachments: LIB0121-1 MINUTES.pdf

3. Amendment & Approval of Meeting Agenda

approved

4. Visitors Views Related/Unrelated to Agenda

5. Staff Report

WINTER READING CHALLENGE

The reading challenge launched on Jan 1 and runs until Jan 31. The library has challenged the community to read 100,000 minutes and we are well on our way to meeting that goal. At the end of the program, everyone who reads 3 hours per week all month will be entered into a prize drawing for a \$100 gift certificate from a local business. Three will be awarded, they are sponsored by the Friends of the Library.

DISCOVERY KITS

Five Discovery Kits are now available for check out. These are hands-on learning kits for ages 3 and up and are available for check out. More will be added this month. There is a display of the kits in the library foyer and a list of available kits can be found on the library's website: <http://psglb.org/discovery-kits>

CCTV SYSTEM

Homeport Electronics started to install the library's new CCTV system Jan 11.

ART INSTALLED

Pia Reilly has installed an art piece on the north side of the building to cover up damage resulting from the removal of the propane fireplace this spring.

ANNUAL CLOSURE

The library will be closed Tuesday Feb 22 - Thursday Feb 25 for inventory, collection maintenance and other projects.

PROGRAMS

- Storytimes on KFSK
- Homegrown Conversations on KFSK
- Basic Watercolor with Lisa Schramek Adams in January via Zoom
- Introduction to Scandinavian Knitting with Lisa Schramek Adams in February via Zoom

6. Unfinished Business

a. Art Education Endowment Guidelines

At the last Board meeting it was requested that John McCabe be asked the reason behind stipulating only communities of 5,000 be eligible to move the AEE to in the event the Petersburg Public Library no longer exists. He responded:

"I want the library that has the AEE fund to be in a community that has a public library that is well-managed by the director and staff, that the Library Board that oversees the fund: will follow the guidelines, dispense the "spendable" amount appropriately, and is an independent library board. Petersburg met, and still meets, these criteria. Beyond Petersburg, other small communities may not be able to meet and/or follow these criteria. If ever the Petersburg library closed, it made sense to me that the criteria I have mentioned, should be awarded to a library in a larger community where there is a better chance that the AEE would be in a library that could meet all of the criteria I have outlined above."

Minor revisions are being considered for this section of the guidelines. These will be available for review at a future meeting.

discussed

7. New Business

a. Annual spendable amount levels for endowments

The annual spendable amount letters for the library's endowments were discussed - Library Endowment \$2,734, Art Endowment \$1,914 - as well as the balance of the funds and spendable amounts balances.

discussed

Attachments: LIB0121-2 ENDOWMENT SPENDABLE AMOUNTS.pdf

b. Outside covered benches (formerly 'the shelter project')

Andy Cowan determined that the cost of the shelter would far exceed the amount we had budgeted. He met with the library director on 1/15 to talk about the covered benches as a potential solution and will work on a sketch for the Board to review at a later date. The Library Director will contact Jesse West regarding cementing in the area in the coming year.

discussed

8. Discussion Items

a. FY22 Budget Calendar

discussed

Attachments: LIB0121-3 FY22 BUDGET CALENDAR.pdf

b. Friends of Petersburg Libraries

A recap of the AmazonSmile income was discussed.

discussed

Attachments: LIB0121-4 AMAZON SMILE.pdf

c. Next meeting

The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for Wednesday Feb 24 at 2pm (note time change).

discussed

9. Adjournment