

FAIRBANKS NORTH STAR BOROUGH LIBRARY COMMISSION

MINUTES April 21, 2021

A regular meeting of the Fairbanks North Star Borough Library Commission was held electronically via Zoom and in-person in the Board Room, Noel Wien Library, 1215 Cowles Street, Fairbanks, Alaska. The meeting was called to order at 4:03p.m. by Rex Nutter, Chair.

A. ROLL CALL

MEMBERS PRESENT:

Rex Nutter, Karen Fox, Jeff Jacobson, Nicole Eiseman, Elyse Guttenberg, Maida Buckley, Robert Hannon, Mary Matthews

MEMBERS ABSENT:

Charles Simmons - A

OTHERS PRESENT:

Melissa Harter – Library Director
Denise Thompson – Administrative Assistant

B. MESSAGES/PUBLIC COMMENT

None

C. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Agenda approved without objection or roll call vote.

D. MINUTES

Minutes from March 17, 2020 approved with name spelling correction and without objection or roll call vote.

E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

F. NEW BUSINESS

None

G. REPORTS**Directors Report**

1. On our third week of allowing browsing by appointment. It has been an amazing success. Had 110 visitors on our first day of browsing and 120 on the second.
2. FNSB updated our mitigation policy again. Masking, social distancing, etc. is now all required in the "low risk" category. Another change was that fully vaccinated staff can travel outside the state and rather than having to stay away for 10 days or get a Covid test, they can now call HR and get screened in.
3. It is budget time. The library budget is 100% flat for this coming fiscal year.
4. CIP project is still on the same schedule for the library.
5. Fundraising update for renovation – Richard McQuelkin passed away and his family wanted to honor him. They donated 100k to go towards the teen room. Also received a call from Dermot. He is clearing out his brother's house & had the idea to donate the entire library to the Foundation for a book sale and all the proceeds would go toward the renovation project.
6. The Summer Reading Program this year is called "Reading Colors Your World". There is some talk about some socially distancing programming taking place in library. Waiting for Risk to approve.
7. Working on a program with Stars of Gold Readers. It is a Literary Farmers Market behind the library in Week Field. Inviting different organizations in the community to table at the market. They can bring whatever they want but there has to be some sort of activity that relates to reading. This program is for ages 0 – 17yrs. The kids have to register for the program. Once they arrive, they will be given a little coin purse with the logo's printed on them. Each table the kids visit, they will earn fake money to be used in the end at a different table where they can spend that money on healthy treats like berries, & fresh veggies.
8. Currently have 2 Library Assistant positions open.
9. Need to review our Internet Use Policy. Will get red-lined version to you for review & would like to talk about it next time we meet.

Officers Report

None

H. COMMISIONER'S COMMENTS/COMMUNICATIONS

Jeff – Kudos to the Library Foundation for being able to receive these incredible donations on behalf of community members that want to be generous.

Mary – Congratulations for your position on the Alaska Library Network Board.

Rex – Next meeting is scheduled for May 19, 2021 however our staff will not be present, so it is our recommendation that we cancel the May meeting. The next regular meeting will be June 16, 2021.

I. EXCUSE FUTURE ABSENCES

J. ADJOURNMENT

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