

Astoria Library Board Meeting

Astoria Public Library

January 24, 2017

5:30 pm.

Present: Library Board members Kate Summers, David Oser, Susan Stein, Kimberley Chaput and Chris Womack; Staff Library Director Jimmy Pearson and ALFA Representative Steve Emmons.

Excused: None

Absent: None

Call to Order: Chair Kate Summers called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as submitted.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of November 29, 2016 were approved as presented.

Board Reports: Chair Summers reported that the bi-monthly Write Astoria group had positive feedback on the changes to the Flag Room.

Library Director's Report: Director Pearson updated the Board on the Library Use Calculator. He presented information on the upcoming deployment of the new computer reservation system. Discussion ensued regarding how the system would work and what time is allowed per person. Director Pearson noted that it would be set to allow two 1-hour sessions per person. Board member Chaput asked if there was a way to ensure Astoria Library residents would receive more time. It was determined it would not be possible to distinguish a resident user vs. non-resident user. Director Pearson informed the Board that Suzanne Meyers Harold was hired as the new Youth Services coordinator for the library. Suzanne is a librarian with previous experience working for Multnomah County who has coordinated their annual Summer Reading Program. She will work 20 hours per week and a great fit for the community. There was a brief discussion regarding the In One Ear and Daily Astorian newspaper articles. Director Pearson would like to rename the Astoriana Collection the Berney Archives and will discuss with City Manager. We are also having preliminary discussions regarding the 50th anniversary of the current library building.

Update on ALFA Activities: Steve Emmons informed the group that they had held their annual meeting and new Officers were appointed with Linette Smith assuming duties of President.

Foundation Update: David Oser reported that Julie Wilson was elected President, and Jen Rouda Vice President of the Foundation Board at the last meeting. The foundation has a new group of energized individuals ready to get to work on building rapport with the community and improving the library. Chair Summers provided a letter of support from the board for two grant applications as well.

New Business: none

Old Business: Update on considering changing library hours. After consideration library hours will remain the same. The board decided to move the March meeting (fourth Tuesday falls during spring break) to April 4th. The regular April meeting will be April 25th.

Public Comments: Marge Pack and Sylvia Davis were in attendance.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda: The next meeting will be Tuesday, February 28, 2017.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Minutes prepared by Jimmy Pearson and Kate Summers