

Astoria Library Board Meeting

Astoria Public Library

April 25, 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.

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

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of April 4, 2017 were approved with the following corrections:

- Remove in the second line of Board Reports on Page 1.
- Removal of the apostrophes in the second bullet under Library Programs on Page 1.

Board Reports: There were none.

Library Director's Report:

Director Pearson presented several items from the 1800s that were recently discovered in the library's collection. These items are part of what makes Astoria unique and he wanted to ensure they are preserved and made accessible. He has been working with John Goodenberger and two students from Clatsop Community College to research grant opportunities for this preservation project.

Director Pearson's report was as follows:

- Library Facilities:
 - The automatic door opener would be installed on the south entrance on May 15th. Placement of the button would affect the mural, so he will coordinate with the woman who made the mural.
 - Terry's Plumbing has been asked to submit a cost estimate for the water fountain by Friday. If a water line needs to be replaced, the cost might be so high that the work would have to wait until the renovation.
- Library Programs:
 - The Saturday Poetry Reading is being done in coordination with Rick's Poetry Night to celebrate April as Poetry Month. The event will begin at 6:00 pm.
 - Staff is visiting schools to spread the word about Summer Reading.
 - The first Teen Advisory Council information meeting would be on May 20th at 3:00 pm.
 - The City Council/Library work session has been scheduled for May 30th at 6:00 pm at City Hall in Council Chambers.
- IT Update:
 - The email server has been updated.
 - The library is now using Baker & Taylor as their supplier instead of Amazon.
- Director's Activities:
 - Director Pearson attended the Oregon Library Association (OLA) meeting, where he networked with colleagues and spoke to the library's Baker & Taylor representative about costs for the levels of service they offer.
 - The Board and Staff discussed the pros and cons of using date due slips, which are appreciated by library users but cost extra. Director Pearson said he would continue to think about the best ways to improve library services.

Director Pearson updated the Board on the following:

- Efforts to redecorate the teen area: extra shelving and unnecessary display items would be donated to Warrenton's library. Funding from the Endowment Fund has already been approved, so the Teen

Advisory Committee can choose colors at its May meeting. He noted that since the teen area has been off limits, it has been easy to monitor.

- Cleaning up the workroom: Staff is considering how to best use the space as they work to clean up several areas of the library and make spaces more efficient.

Update on ALFA Activities:

Steve Emmons reported that Dave Ambrose has been elected as treasurer for 2017/2018. First quarter income was \$1,475.18 and the current balance is \$3,273.65.

Update on Foundation:

Chair Summers announced that Willis Van Dusen has been elected as president. The Foundation would give a presentation to City Council at the work session on May 30th. Their fundraising goal is \$3.5 million.

David Oser noted that City Council had approved funding for architectural drawings and he believed the drawings would help the Foundation raise funds. He also noted that the Foundation was working on creating a logo. He encouraged all Board and ALFA members to attend the work session to demonstrate support for the library.

New Business:

David Oser reminded that officers would be elected in May or June.

Old Business: There was none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda: Review of the foundation's presentation to Council and possibly Election of Officers. The next meeting will be May 23, 2017.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:02 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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