

**Astoria Library Board Meeting**  
Astoria Public Library  
June 27, 2017  
5:30 pm.

**Present:** Library Board members Kate Summers, David Oser, and Susan Stein. Staff Library Director Jimmy Pearson, and ALFA Representatives Steve Emmons and Joan Herrman

**Excused:** Chris Womack and Kimberley Chaput

**Call to Order:** Chair Kate Summers called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

**Approval of Agenda:** The agenda was approved with the following addition: New Business Item 8 (a) – Board Approval of City Council's Action on the Library Renovation.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of May 23, 2017 were approved as presented.

**Board Reports:**

Kate Summers reported that her daughter attended the dog program with her daycare and she was excited to attend the next program.

**Library Director's Report:**

Director Pearson's report was as follows:

- Staffing – Four people have applied for the temporary on-call position, which was included in the budget for the next fiscal year.
- Library Facilities – Everyone is very pleased with the new water fountain. Furniture and shelving have been moved around to create a better sight line to the door and create new displays. The glass tabletop and beanbag chairs for the teen room will be delivered soon. Landscaping work is being done and cleanup work on the basement is progressing well.
- Library Programs – There were 115 people at the Border Collie Program.
- IT Update – All of the new electronics in the Flag Room are wireless. David Oser suggested the Library Board meetings be streamed live over the internet.
- Director's Activities – Director Pearson's next step on the renovation will be to publish a Request for Qualifications (RFQ). He hoped to have design concepts by December.

He displayed several historic items that had been stored in the basement, noting their significance, age, and value. The Gordon Gilkey print has been restored, preserved, and will be securely displayed in the library.

City Council approved reduced library fines, which will take effect in July.

**Update on ALFA Activities:**

Steve Emmons reported the treasury balance was \$3,817.04. The board voted to adopt Friends of the Astoria Public Library as a secondary name to use in addition to ALFA.

**Update on Foundation:**

David Oser said the Foundation's work was postponed because their presentation to City Council was delayed to May. Regular meetings will now be held on the second Monday of each month at 5:30 pm in the Flag Room. He explained how to request that an item be added to the Foundation's agenda and described the Foundation's plan to focus on schools. The Foundation board members will meet to finalize processes and procedures.

Director Pearson described efforts to schedule a meeting in August with ALFA, the Foundation, and the Library Board to discuss the renovation and noted the importance of ensuring all three groups had the same focus.

**New Business:**

**Item 8(a): Board Approval of City Council's Action on the Library Renovation**

The Library Board unanimously voted to support City Council's actions on the library renovation project.

**Old Business:**

**Item 9(a): Election of Officers**

The Library Board unanimously voted to re-elect Kate Summers as Chairperson.

The Board briefly discussed adding the office of Chair-elect and changing the election cycle.

**Public Comments:** There were none.

**Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:** Live streaming Library Board meetings and other events, election of a Chair-elect, the election cycle, and review of the by-laws.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:07 pm.