

Astoria Library Board Meeting

Astoria Public Library

July 24, 2018

5:30 pm.

Present: Library Board members Kate Deeks, David Oser, Kimberley Chaput and Chris Womack. Staff Library Director Jimmy Pearson.

Excused: Susan Stein

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

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes:

Kimberley Chaput corrected that she was present via telephone and Susan Stein was excused from the June 26th meeting. Chris Womack noted he was excused from that meeting as well. The notes from June 26, 2018 were approved as corrected.

Board Reports:

Chair Deeks thanked Board members for attending the July 11th City Council work session. She attended both concerts on July 10th and spoke about the Foundation's efforts to Write Astoria and Astoria Writer's Guild. She also turned over management of the Foundation's Facebook page to a new Foundation board member.

David Oser said Ami did a great job riding Spokes, the new book bike, in the Renegade Parade on Saturday.

Library Director's Report:

Director Pearson's report was as follows:

- Library Facilities – He was in the process of obtaining bids for the sidewalk repairs on both main entrances, and was working with Public Works and Susan Brooks to complete the repairs.
 - Eight chairs had been refurbished and were in use at the computers. A second set of ten chairs were out for refurbishment and should be back in a couple of months.
 - He was looking into installing power pods in the tables that would help eliminate tripping over power cords. The cost would be \$1,500 for a 12-foot run with two pods, which contained eight plugs. He had explored other options but they were more expensive.
- City Council Work Session - The work session went well, except for the reaction to closed stacks. Staff planned to address concerns about closed stacks by moving tables and installing taller stacks. He had also explained to people that books would not be taken out of the library. City Council approved the large option, which would provide more linear feet for shelving.
 - The design concept was on display in the library and was generating excitement.
 - He was on KAST with Tom Freel, who had toured the basement. Mr. Freel did a good job responding to comments about the stacks.
- Library Programs - The final Summer Reading program was Mo Phillips on the 14th.
 - The Tuesday morning program did not have a lot of kids, but was going well.
 - The concert series has been a success. The next two concerts would feature the Horsenecks and the Brownsmead Flats.
 - Spokes, the book bike, made its debut on the 16th. Ami checked out books and processed library cards. Staff was working on a way to use the library's software mobile without having to take down the firewall every time. He spent \$500 out of the Endowment Fund for the book bike collection. During the summer, Spokes would be out at community events every week.

- Volunteers – Volunteers have been trained for the basement archives and have started working. All of the items would be catalogued in a spreadsheet and the digitized items would be rotated on the website.
- Director's Activities - He hosted the Public Library Division Board members on the 21st for their meeting, which included a tour of the library.
- What is your library worth – Staff was discussing ways to make some of the reference questions more realistic.

Director Pearson shared the 1904 Astoria Public Library Association Constitution and By-laws. He read some interesting and notable rules of the association and explained that the City did not take over the library until 1914. He also read from a 1910 newspaper article by the association's president on their annual report. This and other historic items from the library's collection have been used to start conversations and generate excitement about the library.

Update on Foundation:

David Oser said the Foundation now had 12 board members and several committees were forming to implement a variety of fundraising and outreach efforts.

New Business: There was none.

Old Business: There was none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda: The next meeting was scheduled for August 28, 2018.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 5:58 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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