Dermott O'Toole Memorial Library Board
March 29, 2022, Tuesday, 11:00am AK time
Regular Meeting of the Library Board

The meeting was called to order at 11:06am. Present were all board members: Kim Rivera, Marcia Marthaller, Mary-Claire Bernstein, Joanie McBeen, and Teresa Hura. Also present was librarian Lisa Speno.

The agenda was reviewed. Mary-Claire asked to add "programs" which was put into new business. The agenda was moved and approved as revised.

The minutes of the February 24 regular meeting were reviewed. The minutes were moved and approved as presented.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Teresa asked about the check from the Book Hook grant. Lisa asked them to send it directly to Marcia and Marcia still hasn't received it. Lisa will call tomorrow to check up on it. It was moved and approved to accept the treasurer's written report and the spreadsheet.

The librarian's report was reviewed. Kim asked if we need help from James (library website) at this time. Mary-Claire and Lisa both responded that they want to wait and try placing things on the website on their own first. Joanie asked Lisa to update the notice in EBBTides about the seed exchange to encourage people to come get seeds.

There was no public comment.

Under old business/progress reports, the following were discussed:
•Any COVID-related updates (e.g. schedule, protocols): To this date, nothing has been changed by City Council concerning mask mandates for the community center. A discussion followed concerning what the board should do if the City were to change their policy (e.g. mask requirement). It was moved and approved to recommend (or strongly encourage) masks if the requirement was lifted. Most board members felt it was best to be cautious in lifting Covid restraints.

•Updates on seed exchange, and garden tour: Joanie has been talking to people about the garden tour but since it will not occur until August, little else is needed at this time. She did talk to people about the community organizing a tour of out-of-town gardens, and received a positive response.

Under new business the following were discussed:
•Update Library List of Services (appendix of Library Policy)
Kim took the board onto the website to show the actual official (board approved) policies and the forms and procedures that could be updated/changed as per

librarian action. Lisa will check with Claire (State Library) about the consistency of requiring an update of policies every three years (since the Board's schedule is to review every five years). If the State will require an update every three years, then the board will need to review its policies this summer when most members can meet face to face.

*Alaska State Library survey: The State Library has asked for input on the following question:
Alaskans, please tell us what you want from your libraries over the next 3-5 years: https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/6747214/Alaska-LSTA-Survey-2022-One-question
Lisa asked the board for any specific input. There followed a discussion about whether this survey was in the interest for the Dermott O'Toole Library to improve our own library or merely for State Library purposes. It was agreed that it is not clear. In answer to Lisa's question, Mary-Claire suggested the State Library could keep a resource file as to what local communities have as potential presenters/programs that other libraries could make use of (via zoom). Another idea suggested was programs for teaching people technology skills. The State Library is holding a meeting on Thursday, which Lisa is attending concerning best-selling authors who would be scheduled to speak via zoom. There would be a subscription fee. Lisa will get more information and inform the board.

•CD donations—music collection: Donations from the Pegues family included both movies and music. In the past the library has had music but has eliminated it. The family also donated Lucite display holders for the CD's. Lisa asked whether the board was interested in adding music CD's to the collection. It was suggested not to catalog them, but to check them out like we currently do with periodicals. There were concerns about space. The desks that held computers are now empty. It was decided to try displaying the CD's for several months and gauge interest. They will be checked out similarly to periodicals.

•iNaturalist/Tenakee project by CCC: Joanie and Kim explained that the Chichigoff Conservation Council is considering an iNaturalist program, which would involve adults and young adults. The idea is that the public could post what they observe in nature, concerns about conservation or environmental issues, etc. around Tenakee Inlet and others could respond. This would be an app people would use on a smartphone. A person could take a picture of something (e.g., moss, butterfly,) and then other observers in the area might comment on it. It is a way to engage residents and visitors in the flora and fauna of the area. CCC is attempting to get people involved in nature and encourage interest in conservation and environmental issues, encouraging citizen scientists. CCC would pay someone to set up the program and monitor it. It was suggested that the library could support this effort through such things as putting out information, a book display or participating in a launch party. Board reaction was positive.

•Programs-Mary-Claire noted that some of the workshop presenters from last

summer might be interested in either presenting something else or repeating their presentation. She used examples of Nancy Collinsworth and Sue Horwath who both held successful workshops last summer. Others who were suggested as possible presenters were Linda Buckley about her new book, or the artist-in-residence at the Salmon House (Kathy and Frank Moore's house). Joanie will talk to Kathy Moore about their program and check with Lisa. The notice about this person says she will be in residence from April 27 for two weeks.
Kim asked Mary-Claire to build a rough schedule. Mary-Claire will work on it, but cautions that it takes many people to be involved because the organization can be overwhelming. Teresa said she might be able to help with making contacts.
Kim noted we would keep this on the agenda for the April meeting.

The next meeting date was set for April 26th at 11:00 am AK time.

The meeting was adjourned at 12:20pm AK time.

Respectfully submitted
Mary-Claire Bernstein

Library Board:
Chair: Kim Rivera
Vice-Chair: Teresa Hura
Secretary: Mary-Claire Bernstein
Treasurer: Marcia Marthaller
Member-at-large: Joanie McBeen
Librarian: Lisa Speno