Dermott O'Toole Memorial Library Board
April 26, 2022, Tuesday, 3pm to 5:00pm, AK time
Regular Meeting of the Library Board

The meeting was called to order at 3:02pm Alaska time. Board members present were Kim Rivera, Marcia Marthaller, Mary-Claire Bernstein, and Joan McBeen. Board member Teresa Hura joined the meeting at 3:30pm. Lisa Speno was also present.

The draft agenda was reviewed. Joan asked to add "DVD Checkouts" under new business. It was moved and approved to adopt the agenda as revised.

The minutes of the March 29th regular meeting were reviewed. It was moved and approved to adopt the minutes as presented.

The treasurer's report was reviewed. Marcia sent her report out early as she was traveling. She will be sending out an updated spreadsheet soon. There was discussion concerning a $393 charge that does not appear to be ours. Marcia has started a dispute with the bank. Lisa is getting a new debit card because of the dispute. Kim expressed frustration with this bank, but we are restricted because we are connected to the City's accounts. A question was raised whether we could find a different bank that could operate more electronically. Marcia will initiate an inquiry with Nicole (City clerk) and beyond.
Kim asked about the ARPA grant and it was reviewed that it has to be spent by September 30th.
Kim suggested that the board wait until the next month's meeting to approve the updated spreadsheet. The Board agreed.

The librarian's report was discussed. The summer reading program was discussed. Lisa reviewed the children she thought would be involved. Kim suggested that Sophie might be used as an assistant in some way.
Lisa mentioned that she has been highlighting a different series in the library each month and that it has been generating some new interest in materials that have been housed in the library for a while.

There was no public comment.

As old business/progress reports, Covid-related updates were discussed. Kim asked about the status of Covid precautions presently in Tenakee. People are still wearing masks in the post office, store and in the library. No changes were suggested for our library policies at this time.

Under new business the following were discussed:
•DVD Checkout: Joan suggested that when a DVD set contains more than two discs, it does not make sense to require a return in two weeks. The sense of the board was that it was reasonable to give a longer period of time for these situations. Discussion then followed as to whether we could leave it up to the librarian. Lisa will look at the DVD's when she is at the library. She suggested possibly creating a sliding time frame (2-4 discs check out for three weeks; 5-8 check out for four weeks, etc.)
•Tenakee Artist-in-Residence (April 26-May 11): Lisa has emailed the Artist-in-Residence and asked her to get in touch with her. She has not heard from her. Joanie got lots of ideas for programs from Kathy. Joan will try to get in touch and discuss it with the visitor.
•Library Speakers Consortium, May 31st registration date: Lisa explained that this program consists of a zoom meeting or hybrid with the author. It is recorded and is available to listen/view later. Lisa suggested that the library could host a previous (recorded) one at the library and view it as a group. Lisa thinks it's a small investment for a rich mix of opportunities.
•Summer Programs: Lisa said she has nothing planned besides the children's program. Mary-Claire will start working on developing a set of adult programs.
Kim asked about the book walk that Lisa had planned previously, based on the book, "A Snowy Day." Lisa explained that they didn't get the materials ready until after the snow disappeared, so the program didn't happen, but will be saved for next year.
MaryClaire presented an idea of doing a program of sharing information related to fishing. We will query men who might be presenters if they are willing/interested.
•Brainstorming Book Discard Disposal: Lisa was going to reach

Thriftbooks, but hasn't done so. Joanie talked to Lemon Creek about donating materials, which is a possibility. Joanie needs to talk to the librarian there. Kim mentioned that Recycle Tenakee paid to ship books to correctional facilities up north. It incurred a cost, but was beneficial. Kim asked Lisa to organize a weeding in the summer, since it seems reasonable to assume that we can distribute the books in some way.

The next meeting date was set for May 26th at 2:00pm. Kim requested that those in Tenakee meet at the library. Those not present in town will zoom.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52pm.

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