

KETCHIKAN PUBLIC LIBRARY
LIBRARY ADVISORY BOARD MINUTES
Board of Directors Meeting Minutes Oct.14,2020 6:00PM
Via Webex meeting

Members Attending: Sis Coenen, Maureen Eldridge, June Dahl, Austin Otos, Jodi Russell, Ryan Varela, Bob Simpson.

Absent: David Kiffer, Penny Pedersen

Staff: Pat Tully

A call to order established a quorum. President June Dahl called meeting to order 6:10pm.

New members Jodi Russell and Ryan Varela were welcomed and introduced themselves.

The minutes from July 8, 2020 were approved - moved by Sis Coenen, second by Jodi Russell.

Public comment: Maureen requested on behalf of the home schooled mothers that the inter-library program for schoolchildren could be re-established. Pat Tully responded that this was under the direction of the School District; school library staff have been reassigned to non-library positions due to the pandemic. She will talk with Caitlin Jacobson to ask about the possibility of volunteers and to see if there could be some changes.

There was no correspondence

Reports:

Friends of the Library: June Dahl

The Friends met on Aug. 5. The 3-day October book sale was cancelled; but the Friends had one-day genre-specific sales in August, September and October, with more planned. Jeff Williams organizes and conducts the book sales, working closely with the Plaza. All book sales include children's books, many of which are given free to children. August's sale netted \$219.00. The Friends are meeting next Wednesday, October 21 at 6pm at Rendezvous Senior Day Center. The Friends are solvent and will continue to support the library.

City Council: Dave Kiffer. No report

Borough Assembly: Austin Otos

He announced there are still CARE funds available. Next week's borough meeting will include certification of the elections.

Teen Advisory Council: Bob Simpson:

Kelly has continued Facebook meetings. They will have their Halloween event—the 13th Annual Not-Quite-Halloween Party—outside in the Children’s Community Garden where teens can pick up goodie bags later this month.

Director’s Report: Pat Tully

(report attached) We are proud of our YouTube channel as well as the many other ways the library has kept the public informed during the pandemic. KRBD has found a permanent slot for the Library’s Reading the Classics program – Tuesdays at 6:30pm. Although we still have far fewer patrons coming in the building than before the pandemic, each week we are a little busier than before. Family maker bags have been very popular since the summer. Lisa has recently started offering craft bags for adults, and starting next week she will premiere craft kits so that adults who are interested in trying out a craft can check out the equipment to do so. Sis reported that the mobile library is a valuable asset for those who are homebound. Rebecca Brown brings books out to area shut-in’s weekly.

Unfinished Business: None

New Business:

City Budget request are due and will be presented in Nov. The library is working on proposed budget at present.

Senator Lisa Murkowski has nominated the Ketchikan Public Library for a National Medal for Museum and Library Service, to be awarded this year to three museums and three libraries for outstanding services to their communities. Pat is preparing the application to be submitted to the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) by November 2. Three letters of support must be submitted with the application; Sis Coenen volunteered to write a letter.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, January 13, 2021 at 6pm.

The motion to adjourn at 6:38PM was moved by Sis Coenen, moved by Maureen accepted unanimously.

Respectively submitted:

Cecelia H. Coenen
Secretary