



**Alaska Library Association – Juneau Chapter
Minutes, September 19th 2001
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Called to order at 5:26 by Chair Tish Orr

Present: Tish Orr, George Smith, Kay Shelton, Carol McCabe, Carol Race, and Freya Anderson

Minutes from last meeting: Kay moved that the minutes be approved. The motion was seconded and passed.

Treasurer's Report: There was no report.

Discussion of old business: Tish again brought in samples of the new products for the local @your library campaign, including bumper stickers and bus posters. Ads have been running on Sundays in the Empire, and weekly in the Capital City Weekly. Tish hadn't been able to find the Weekly for last week (probably September 12-18), so if anyone has a spare copy that you could give her, she would appreciate it.

There was an extra ad in the Empire last Friday to advertise for the Meet and Greet the Candidates function on Sunday. Tish reported that she has seen one of the bumper stickers on a car! There are more bumper stickers, so if anyone wants some, please contact Tish. The only condition is that they should be put somewhere that they will be seen.

Tish will report on the @ your library activities in Juneau to the statewide AkLA publicity committee meeting in Anchorage this Friday.

Tish brought a sample book jacket to show. Lynn did checked prices at Alaska Litho, and it looks like costs would be relatively high:

11x17 500/\$293 or 1000/\$358

28x17 not available in town

13x19 500/\$318 or 1000/\$408

This could be a fundraising opportunity, or some fundraising might need to be done in order to support this. More info on pricing and design of commercial book jackets will be at the next meeting.

Tish again requested suggestions for legislative priorities to bring to Face-to-Face. She mentioned that literacy and the financial plight of school librarians, particularly in Juneau, had been brought to her already. There was some suggestion that these issues needed more concrete

suggestions to be useful in this context. George mentioned that he and Karen had attended the school librarians' face-to-face meeting last weekend, and had provided suggestions for them to achieve their goals.

Discussion of new business: Carol McCabe announced that the Lands Committee had recommended the purchase of land for a possible future new Mendenhall Valley Branch. This was sent to the Assembly, who will consider it on October 1st. There were congratulations all around that JPL had made it past this hurdle. Carol emphasized that there is still a lot of work to do though. She called on AkLA members to contact their Assembly members to voice their support for the project.

She suggested three points to emphasize:

- This land purchase would be a replacement for what was given up at the joint library/high school site.
- This is long range planning, and they are not looking to actually build in the near future.
- The new needs assessment clearly shows the need for a new facility in the Valley. That branch circulates as much as downtown and Douglas combined, with a very small area.

Tish reported on the Meet and Greet the Candidates forum. An estimated 30-35 people attended, including candidates or their representatives. Nearly all candidates attended. Tish, Carol and Freya all received positive comments, including the suggestion that this be continued as a regular event. Freya received the suggestion that it be continued as the first such event of the campaign season.

Tish requested reimbursement for her expenses for it and for the 4th of July parade, for a total of \$187.55. Kay moved that she be reimbursed for the total amount. The motion was seconded and passed. Tish will contact Paula for a check.

Announcements: George provided some highlights of the new proposed budget for the State Library. They are requesting two new archives positions in the new budget: 1 records analyst to be located in Anchorage and 1 Archivist I to be located here. The archivist would work on improving public access to materials. In addition, they are asking for \$9.1 million to purchase the land behind the State Museum and to start architectural planning. They would like to add to the museum, and add a lab, Archives and perhaps the Historical Library.

The Juneau Public Library is adding two new ½ time tech positions.

Door prizes: Although door prizes were available, they were declined by all.

Next Meeting: The next AkLA-J meeting time and place is still to be determined.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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