



**Alaska Library Association – Juneau Chapter
Minutes, December 11, 2002
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Meeting Minutes
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Attendance: Aja Razummy, ASL; Barbara Berg, JPL; Carol Race, JPL; Daniel Cornwall, ASL; Freya Anderson, ASL; George Smith, ASL; James Simard, UAS; Karen Crane, ASL; Kay Shelton, ASL; Lynn Shepherd, UAS; Mary Tonkovich, ANHA-MGVC; Paula Johnson, Auke Bay Labs; Rose Welton, ASL; and Sandra Strandtmann, JPL.

The meeting was called to order at 12:05pm. No additions were made to the agenda. Minutes from the October and November meetings were made available but no move was made to approve either set.

Treasurer's Report - No activity has taken place within the last month, so our balance is still \$558.74.

NEW BUSINESS

"By the People" Grant Proposal from KTOO. - Freya stated that KTOO had contacted her about gaining AkLA-J's support for a nationwide grant to promote "community engagement." KTOO wishes to produce several programs examining Juneau's feelings about being part of the global community. Each winning institution will receive \$20,000. All they want from us is someone to attend a few hour long meetings in January if they get the grant. Nearly all present felt that it was important to involve the library community in any community-building opportunity. Freya asks that anyone interested in being our contact to the "By the People" group contact her in the next few weeks.

Book Bonanza - Once again, AkLA-Ketchikan is sponsoring a "Book Bonanza" contest to get children's books into the hands of libraries that need them. E-Council has contributed \$600, AkLA-Ketchikan is contributing \$200 and they have sent letters to all other chapters soliciting donations. Last year AkLA-J contributed \$50.00. Kay Shelton moved that we contribute that same amount this year. Karen Crane seconded the motion. Brief discussion followed praising Ketchikan's efforts in this area and the motion passed without objection.

USA PATRIOT Act Videoconference - An ALA videoconference on the USA PATRIOT Act and related terrorist measures took place this morning and was videotaped by UAS staff. As soon as SIRSI is up and running, circulating tapes will be made available at UAS and the State Library. Reviews from three librarians who attended the videoconference were so positive, it was decided to show the program at next month's evening meeting at the Valley Library. [Secretary's Note: No matter what library you're from, don't miss this program!]

Farewell to Karen Crane - As previously announced, Karen is retiring from the State Library after 17 years of hard work on behalf of libraries in Alaska. Freya presented her with a card filled with extended comments, a frame to hold the card itself in, and a calendar of unique Alaskan architecture. After the presentation, those present gave her a round of applause.

OLD BUSINESS (i.e. Conference Reports)

Printing - Barbara Berg is in the midst of preparing the preliminary mailing for Conference. If you have anything that needs to be in this mailing, it must get to Barbara before DECEMBER 13TH! After that, it will go to Deb Mole for proofreading and mailing. It will be less expensive to do the mailing from Anchorage with their bulk permit. Barbara does not yet have pricing for meals and tour costs. Freya indicated this information would be forthcoming from Deb.

Legislative Relations - Jim Simard reported that there would be a Thursday afternoon pre-conference on library advocacy combined with opportunities for librarians to visit their legislators.

Hospitality/Gifts - Aja asked for guidance on gift-giving for the 49 speakers scheduled for AkLA. Those present pointed out that speakers who are AkLA members would get small gifts, stretching out her budget.. Brita and Deb are starting to ask for sponsorships.

Catering Sandra stated that most of the catering work will be done by Silverbow Bakery. Banquets and open bars will be done by Goldbelt. Sandra presented the proposed prices which were developed in consultation with Deb. Much discussion followed, reflecting the tension between obtaining revenue for the conference and the need to increase participation at meals. George mentioned that other associations like Museums Alaska will build the price of meals into their registration fees, allowing for greater member participation. There was a consensus that it was much too late to implement this well thought of idea for this year, but

it will be suggested to E-Council for future conferences.

AkLA Store Mary feels like she is on track for Conference now that she has obtained information from prior conferences. A discussion occurred about whether the AkLA store will need to charge sales tax. Rose said she would check with the city and get back to us.

Announcements

Elections will be held at January's meeting. Please consider running for office.

Sandra announced that Jeff Brown would be in a magic oriented program at the Douglas Library January 18, 2003. The program will be called "The Magic of Books".

Carol announced that the JPL Book Discussion Group would feature a book by Megan Turner.

George announced that he had been appointed the Acting Director of the Division of Libraries, Archives, and Museums.

Lynn Shepherd was pleased to inform us that over 800 people attended the 10 of the 11 sessions of UAS's "Evenings at Egan."

The meeting was adjourned at 12:59.

Next Meeting January 15, 2003 5:15 6:15, followed by a screening of an USA PATRIOT videoconference.

Respectfully (if Tardily) Submitted,

Daniel Cornwall
Secretary, AkLA-J