

Astoria Library Board Meeting

Astoria Public Library

October 24, 2017

5:30 pm.

Present: Library Board members Kate Deeks, David Oser, Susan Stein, Kimberley Chaput, and Chris Womack. Youth Services Senior Library Assistant Suzanne Harold represented Director Pearson.

Excused: None.

Call to Order: Chair Kate Deeks called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved as presented.

Approval of Minutes: The minutes of September 26, 2017 were approved.

Board Reports: David Oser stated the 50th Anniversary was "spectacular." He said the library model was phenomenal with \$630 received in donations. He was happily surprised by the turnout and support and noted many City Councilors attended.

Kate Deeks stated approximately 50 people attended the Write Astoria showcase, including many new faces. She spoke about fundraising for the renovation. Bruce Jones read some great short stories he has written.

Library Director's Report:

Director Pearson was absent for personal reasons. Suzanne Harold spoke about Youth Services mentioning the upcoming Teen Advisory Group Halloween party.

Update on ALFA Activities: There was none.

Update on Foundation:

David Oser stated Foundation has "shifted up to second gear" and has almost \$100,000 in the bank. Pennies for Piggies started in the school on Tuesday and will last for 3 weeks. The goal is high participation, not large giving. Sara Lou Heath is writing a fundraising plan for the Foundation, and will have a draft version available next week. A few donations have arrived by mail and via website. Ami is working on making the website easier to navigate.

New Business:

Library Card Policy Discussion: Director Pearson requested input from the Board regarding lowering the age for children to receive cards without a parent/guardian present. The Board supports the staff decision and if staff wishes to lower the age they would support as well.

Internet Use Policy: Item moved forward to November 2017 meeting.

Old Business: There was none.

Public Comments: There were none.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda: Internet Use Policy.

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:04 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Jimmy Pearson, Library Director