

Astoria Library Board Meeting

Astoria Public Library

May 28, 2019

5:30 pm.

Present: Library Board members Kate Deeks, David Oser, Susan Stein, Laura Parker, and Kimberly Chaput (via telephone). Staff Library Director Jimmy Pearson.

Call to Order: Chair Kate Summers called the meeting to order at 5:35 pm.

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was initially approved with no changes. Later, David Oser asked that the election of officers be discussed today and scheduled on next month's agenda.

Approval of Minutes: The following changes were noted: Kimberly Chaput was not present and the discussion about Stop the Bleed was missing under New Business. The notes from the April 23, 2019 meeting were approved as corrected.

Board Reports:

There were none.

Library Director's Report:

Director Pearson read the following note from Suzanne regarding her recent visit to Astor Elementary:

"I visited Astor Elementary today to promote summer reading. A mother of triplets sat behind me and thanked me afterwards for the Libraries ROCC account for her children. She grew up in libraries (specifically the Redmond Public Library where her grandfather worked – perhaps as director?), and our library reminds her of the warmth and excitement that she remembered from childhood. She specifically noted the wealth of new books available for checkout."

Director Pearson presented his report as follows:

- The OCLC contract has been signed and Staff was working to roll-out Interlibrary Loan.
- The process to share the catalog with Seaside and Warrenton has started. The formal Intergovernmental Agreement would go before Council on June 17, 2019.
- The 10th St Stage performers have been identified with the Brownsmead Flats providing the opening concert on June 19, 2019.
- The order has been placed for the Library's new printing process. The Library would partner with Envisionware to offer self-service print, copy, and scanning capabilities. Library users would also be able to print from their phone, tablet, and laptop. The library will also offer color printing would also be available.
- The library would celebrate PRIDE with Marco Davis reading to kids on June 1, 2019 at 10:30 am.
- The Library would host Jeannie Smith, the daughter of Holocaust rescuer Irene Gut Opdyke, on June 1, 2019 at 7:00 pm.
- He answered questions about the current interlibrary loan process and said he will try to get some statistics on interlibrary loan usage and costs. He explained how the new process will save costs and provided details about how it will be implemented.

David Oser said that for many years, he believed the dollar values placed on library services in the library calculator were too low, and had not been updated in at least 12 years. The library was not doing itself any favors by being overly conservative in terms of how its services were valued. Director Pearson provided background on the library calculator and said he could revisit the numbers. He noted that the meeting room dollars reflected the actual charges.

Update on ALFA Activities:

Director Pearson said ALFA met and will be purchasing the library's new all-in-one printer for LPTOne.

Update on Foundation:

David Oser reported that the Foundation's organized community outreach efforts had wrapped up for the time being. The Foundation was now reaching out to individuals and organizations to gauge their level of

support for the library renovation. A report would be made to City Council over the summer about Foundation accomplishments and next steps. The Foundation has requested a challenge grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities for \$750,000, which must be matched four to one. The administrative assistant has resigned, and he had taken over the Facebook page. He hoped the Foundation's Facebook page could help increase attendance at library events.

New Business:

The following item was added to the agenda.

Schedule Election of Officers

Chair Deeks stated that her term would end in June, and she believed the Vice Chair, Susan Stein, would simply take over as Chair at that time, so, only a Vice Chair would need to be elected at the next meeting.

Old Business:

There was none.

Public Comments:

There were none.

Items for Next Meeting's Agenda:

Election of Officers and Child Safety Policy

Adjournment: There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:08 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

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