

Alaska Center for the Book  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

January 7, 2015

ATTENDING: Heather Caldwell, Camille Oliver, Page Brannon, Carol Sturgulewski, Lila Vogt, Christina Gheen, Patience Frederiksen and Sara Juday.

FINANCIAL REPORT: Lila presented report. General Fund total as of January 6 was \$4,073.50 and Poetry In Place total was \$10,812.68.

MINUTES APPROVED with the correction to the sentence under Reading Rendezvous to read: "Elizabeth Nicolai, youth services librarian, will talk with Robin Brooks about serving as coordinator again this year." Note correct spelling of Elizabeth's last name is Nicolai.

**UPDATES:**

**POETRY IN PLACE**

- The call is out for the third and final year of this program. Sites this year are Fort Abercrombie State Historical Park on Kodiak Island and Caines Head State Recreational Area in Seward.
- Kodiak is very enthusiastic, according to Lila, and is interested in starting an ACB chapter.

**READING RENDEZVOUS**

- Date is May 16; Theme is Super Heroes.
- Robin Brooks is coordinating again this year and her contract is ready to deliver.
- First meeting will occur after January 17.

**CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST**

- Issues regarding forwarding of entries from Alaska Dispatch appear to be resolved.
- Sara will check on shared folders in DropBox
- Entries are coming in very slowly and various ways to spread the word were discussed. Patience volunteered to send to lists of Superintendents, Alaska School Librarians and other appropriate lists via the Alaska State Library. Sara

and Heather will work on getting word out to UAA students. Need to send link to UAA Creative Writing and Literary Arts program.

### **ALASKA BOOK WEEK**

- 2015 week will be October 3–10.
- First meeting for the 2015 Alaska Book Week will be January 28 at Loussac (Sara will confirm with Rayette).

### **LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE:**

- Jessie was unable to attend the meeting but reported to Camille that all the judges are in place and just waiting for entries.

### **CONTRIBUTIONS TO LITERACY IN ALASKA AWARDS (CLIA)**

- Need to set deadline for nominations; looking a May 1 as deadline.
- Carol will be very busy in April so needs help with the final push in April. Patience and/or Sue should be able to help.
- Awards will again be presented in July during the Northern Renaissance week at UAA.

### **ADMINISTRATION TOPICS**

- Camille submitted our 3–year affiliation renewal report to the Library of Congress Center for the Book.

### **OTHER**

- **The Living Room** has requested financial support for the coming year. Last year ACB donated \$600 to help the program in its initial year. As a group we were happy to provide initial start–up funds for this worthy effort, but that level is not sustainable. We discussed offering a lower amount so that we may have funds to help another new venture. After discussion, Carol moved to donate \$350 this year. Sara seconded the motion and it was approved.
- **The Alaska Library Association** is holding its annual convention in Juneau this year, February 26–March 1. We received an invitation to have a table but we will not have a representative who is able to attend this year. Patience and Page offered to deliver brochures, CLIA nomination forms and Alaska Book Week bookmarks/postcards for a general info table at the conference. The bookmarks and postcards will need to be stickered with the new dates.

- **ACB chapters and statewide meetings.** Spurred by the enthusiasm from Kodiak, the board discussed ways to broaden ACB statewide. Now that phone conferences are now so much more accessible and inexpensive, if not no cost, the board agreed that we should look at how to incorporate outside of Anchorage involvement. Should we invite board members to attend all meetings or schedule quarterly statewide meetings? How do we recruit participants? What are their roles? Will need to explore this more.

Next meeting: WEDNESDAY, February 4, 5:30 p.m., Diplomacy 201.