

Alaska Center for the Book

November 6, 2013

Minutes

IN ATTENDANCE: Trish Jenkins, Jessie Nixon, Sherri Douglas, Lila Vogt, Melissa Boyce, Heather Caldwell, Mark Weber, Camille Oliver, and Page Brannon.

OCTOBER MINUTES: Lila motioned to approve and Sherri seconded.

OLD BUSINESS:

FINANCIAL REPORT: Lila presented that the Cash in Bank (CIB) reflects the following: General Funds: \$3,051.35; Poems in Place (PIP): \$19,158.92; and the Outstanding Accts Rec from COSLA for Bookfest: \$2,000.00.

ALASKA BOOK WEEK: APL appreciated the opportunity to host the ACB Alaska Book Week panel. The variety of panelists made for a stimulating discussion.

ALASKA NATIVE HERITAGE MONTH: Event will be held Nov. 21 from 5-7 p.m. at the UAA Campus Bookstore with Dr. Alisha Drabek of the Alutiiq Museum in Kodiak. She is a specialist in indigenous language, especially Alutiiq. She co-authored an award winning children's book; *The Red Cedar of Afognak: A Driftwood Journey*. ACB will give her a small honorarium.

LAL: request for judges. 4 have accepted. Ben Koontz from Bethel, Kate Partridge with 49 Writers, Claudia Haines from Homer Youth Services, Jeannie Shiaffo who is the principal at Eagle's View Elementary. Jessie is still looking for the other two judges.

PIP: The 2014 locations for poetry signs are Lake Aleknagik State Recreation Area/Wood Tikchik State Park (Southwest) and Independence Mine State Historical Park (Matsu/Copper River). There will be a kick-off event in the form of a Poetry Reading at Alaskan Books in Palmer on November 17th at 2 p.m. Poets reading are: Julie LeMay, Gretchen Diemer, David Cheezem and Anne Coray. This event is free and open to the public. The statewide poetry submissions for consideration for the 2014 locations will open January 15th and close on March 15th. Poets submitting must be at least 18 years of age and an Alaskan resident. After selection of winning poems by the Steering Committee, the signs will be manufactured and installed in the fall of 2014.

CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST: Nov. 11 will start the process. There will be a submission deadline in mid-February. Ads will be in the Alaska Daily News (ADN). We are currently looking for judges for March.

BOOKS OF THE YEAR: The plans are on hold until further discussion with the library.

READING RENDEZVOUS: Sherri will post the Reading Rendezvous Coordinator position description to the group. Please distribute to any potential candidates as that is how we've lined up candidates in prior years.

NEW BUSINESS:

49 Writers is sponsoring poet Camille Dungy as a Midnight Sun Visiting Writer in February; we're working with Camille to schedule an Anchorage workshop and Crosscurrents with UAF faculty poet Sean Hill. Lila is applying to the Alaska State Council on the Arts for a workshop grant to cover her stipend; however, there is still need for travel expenses. Need \$660 to cover both of them so Lila made a motion to donate \$500 of that and Sherri Douglas seconded.

There is a Margo Klass exhibition at Fairbanks. She needs support. Lila made a motion to give her \$200 and Heather seconded that.

Barbara Brown has a picture book titled *Hanukkah in Alaska*. She will be selling and signing books on Tuesday, Nov. 19 from 4:30-5:30 p.m. at Loussac.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: Next meeting: December 4 at 6 p.m. located at Sherri's home.