

**Alaska Center for the Book
Minutes, Annual Meeting
June 11, 2018**

Agenda

- **Approval of Minutes**
- **Financial Report – Lila (see attachment)**
- **New Business:**
 - **Changing Banks**
 - **National Book Festival**
 - **Poet Laureate visit to Alaska**
- **Reading Rendezvous – Camille**
- **Alaska Book Week – Trish**
- **IDEA Exchange**
- **Rosemary Wells**
- **Alaska Reads Update – Sara**
- **CLIA - Carol**
- **PNLA Registration Fee - presentation**
- **August meeting date, time, location**
- **Officers for coming year**

Minutes

We gathered for our annual meeting at Sara Juday's house. Thank you to Sara for her hospitality. As per usual for the June annual meeting, we had a discussion over a lovely potluck.

We did not approve the minutes for review the financials, so we will need to do that at the beginning of the August meeting.

New Business:

We started with new business.

Changing Banks

Lila proposed that we change banks to Alaska USA. After discussion, and consensus, it was decided that we would do so. It is time to order checks, so it is a good time, and banks have differing services they offer to non-profit organizations. Lila will follow-up with the Board regarding additional signature cards to get the account set-up.

National Book Festival

Rayette and Gabriela will represent ACB at the Alaska table for the National Book Festival in Washington DC over Labor Day weekend. Lila is completing the survey necessary to register. This time they are requesting a short biographical statement of those attending, or a CV or Resume. Page will continue to coordinate with Rayette and Gabriela assisting with the gathering and packing. Page will add the spreadsheet to the folder on drop box.

Board Members tracking down the following things for Bookfest:

Sara – box of postcards	Rayette – contacting Railroad
Mark – gathering some items	Gabriela – seafood recipe books
Sara – Northwest Books, highlighted book (How Raven got his crooked nose)	
Camille – ordering ACB tattoos	
Sara – updating the half sheet of book titles	
Carol – article about the Juneau bookmark project	
Page – Professor in the Midwest re: bookmarks project	

Other possible items:

Half sheet of titles for adults and/or YA
Nordic ski pins
Anchorage Visitors Bureau
ADN – calendars
Todd Communications

Poet Laureate Visit to Alaska

Patience of the State Library was contacted by the National Center for Poetry, about having the Poet Laureate, Tracy Smith, visit the state of Alaska. Page spoke with Patience and Freya, who will be the primary contact points. Patience believes that the Poet's travel will be paid for. We discussed possible venues. Lila expressed interest in working on, along with

Reading Rendezvous

Event went very well. Robin did a great job. \$900 leftover will seed next year's event. Next year's theme is "A Universe of Reading". However, Camille mentioned there was some talk of not having the theme because of the extra marketing that does not seem to affect the outcome of the event or the attendee, still under discussion.

Alaska Book Week

Trish provided an update on what is developing. First full week in October 7 – 13; however, events can occur on the prior Friday, Oct 5, or Saturday Oct 6. There will be a poetry reading at Writer's Block with two UAA MFA graduates. There will be a Raising Alaskans panel discussion. Friesens will be doing a publishing event, probably in Fairbanks. Jeremy Pataky, 49 Writers has volunteered to coordinate. Jamey Bradbury will do a talk about her new book. There was discussion of Mary Kudenov's book, Threadbare as a Books of the Year selection and that there could be an event on campus at UAA. Christina offered to assist. Page had mentioned to Libby Roderick. Trish spoke briefly with Ron Spatz about possible AQR event. State Laureate writer Ernestine Hayes will likely do an event on Oct 12. It was mentioned that she could introduce the Creative Writing Contest. Nicole – Steam Laundry. Perhaps there could be a Friends of the Library event. Charlotte is taking Doug MacAllister's place on the Board.

IDEA Exchange

The meeting is in May. We are considering whether to send someone to this. The meeting is 8 to 5pm, so it is all-day and early in terms of time difference. Trish tried to attend via phone several years ago and the technology did not work. Rayette and Gabriela will try to confer with the Center for the Book personnel while in DC about adjusting the times of day for the Idea Exchange. Page will try starting a dialogue on the listserv. We discussed alternating years with attending the Book Fest and the Idea Exchange. Lila pointed out that we received funding for the Book Fest. We plan to find out whether they would allow us to alternate the funding. In addition, whether the event could start later to accommodate the western states more readily via phone. Alternatively, could other technology be used?

Rosemary Wells

Library still owes us \$400. Lila checking into.

Alaska READS

Sara is going to follow-up with Jess Pena because we still need the details from the Fairbanks Arts Council for the Report, which needs to be completed very soon. Sara will also contact some of the libraries that received the books and find out about events that were held using the books. Some quotes are needed for the report about how the books were used. Suggestion was made to connect with AKLA about doing events at the conference with the Alaska READS authors.

CLIA Awards

Event will be Monday, July 10, in Room 150 of the UAA Fine Arts building. It will be a dessert reception starting at 7:30pm and at 8pm will be the brief awards ceremony. Followed by readings by writers Erin Hollowell and Ishmael Hope. There were nine submissions and the winners selected were: Peggy Shumaker, David Ongley, Dick Reichman, and Books on Board (BOB) – book mobile organized by the Friends of the Homer Public Library. John Active recently passed away. He will be recognized for his many years of service by a proclamation by ACB and by dedicating the event to his memory. Carol will write up the proclamation and ACB will contribute to the KSKA John Active Memorial Scholarship.

PNLA Registration Fee

The Board approved covering the PNLA presenter registration fee of \$150. Page Brannon will be doing a combined presentation at PNLA in August with the Centers for the Book from Washington, Idaho, and Montana.

Next Meeting

Next meeting will be August 16, 6pm, Loussac Library,

Incoming Officers

Gabriela Halas has agreed to be the Vice President, Zeb Kraft will return after the summer and will continue as secretary. Page Brannon will serve as President.

New Business Items for Next Meeting (August)

Approval of Meeting Minutes from May and June Meetings

Review of financials from May and June

Finalize Meeting Schedule for 2018 – 2019

Records and supplies review at Loussac, where to keep longer term

Thanks for another great year, and please send any agenda items to Page for August's meeting.