

Alaska Center for the Book
Board of Directors Meeting
September 7, 2011
Minutes

Attending: Heather Caldwell, Karla Powell, Mark Weber, Trish Jenkins, Jessie Nixon, and Sara Juday.

Introductory business:

- Agreed that meetings will begin at 6 p.m. in the future
- Minutes from August 24 special meeting were approved.

Letters about Literature:

Jessie Nixon reported that three judges have been confirmed so far: Dawson Moore from Prince William Sound Community College and director of the Last Frontier Theatre Conference; Sheri Denison, English professor at Mat-Su College; and poet Joan Kane. Bookfest is a kick-off for Letters about Literature. Entry deadline is January 6.

Creative Writing Contest:

Sara reported that the intent was to move up the deadline for the contest but details won't be finalized until after the Anchorage Daily News and UAA meet. Trish and Sara will meet to discuss how to organize additional help for the coordination of the contest.

National Bookfest:

Trish is handling the mailing of all the items and had to rush to meet deadline. Had five boxes of calendars and 2 boxes of maps, plus sign, stamp, and supplies. She will run copies of our annual report to include as well. Jessie and Heather, who are representing ACB, will upload picture for the Facebook page.

Community Reads: No news.

Books of the Year Conversation Salon:

Trish is moderating a session on Education on September 21 and discussion followed to help Trish refine the topic to the impact of No Child Left Behind on Alaska.

Alaska Book Week:

Discussed how we participate. Planned to host a panel discussion on the Literature of Place and How It Contributes to Our Collective Identity. Brainstormed possible panelists. Will hold on October 12 at 7 p.m. Location to-be-determined.

Next Meeting: October 5 at 6 p.m. Loussac Library