

**Alaska Center for the Book
Board of Directors Meeting
April 28, 2016**

Present: Camille Oliver, Rayette Sterling, Patience Frederiksen, Trish Jenkins, Tricia Brown, Page Brannon, Carol Sturgulewski, Jathan Day, Beth Waetjen, Sara Juday

Minutes approved from last meeting with corrections (Trish Jenkins did not attend, but Tricia Brown did).

No treasurer's report.

Alaska Book Week: Trish Jenkins, Chair of the committee, Beth Waetjen, ABW coordinator, Tricia Brown, committee member, and Jathan Day, former coordinator provided an update. The committee is planning one event for each day of the week: Opening event with women authors possibly with YWCA, "Wild Women" on Saturday. Sunday would be a children's book event, maybe at B&N. Monday is slated for a book into movie event (White Fang)? An event with AQR is planned for Wednesday. Saturday will be the Great Alaska Book Fair with Publications Consultants at the Sears Mall. Other plans include The Writer's Block with Vered Mares and the Alaska Humanities Forum. Not confirmed for a closing event/silent auction, but everyone seemed open to doing a celebration of the writing contest winners on Saturday evening.

Sponsors confirmed include: Alaska Northwest Books/Graphic Arts, Todd Communications, Epicenter Press, University of Alaska Press for \$1,100. Pending sponsors include: Shorefast Editions, Arctic Cliffhangers/Alaska Sisters in Crime, Taste Freez, Friesens Printing.

Alaska Reads: This year is an off year for the statewide program. Anchorage Reads will take place in 2017. Rayette will provide an update when they have made a selection.

Reading Rendezvous: Coming up in two weeks. Need volunteers. Jathan, Zeb offered to help. Page and Sara are possible helpers. Rayette confirmed that they will be launching the Book Bike program. And, overflow parking will be available at the Denali Credit Union and Century 16. Camille will send out details for volunteers.

UAA/ADN Creative Writing Contest: Winners will be announced in We Alaskans on Sunday, May 15. Sara is working on certificates. Lila has the list for checks. Goal is to have all mailed by the 15th.

Letters about Literature: Jathan is working sending letters and checks to winners. Some discussion on whether to send to teachers or students. Since we don't have student home addresses, Jathan will send ASAP to the teachers. Zeb has agreed to take over Letters about Literature from Jathan for next year. Thank you Zeb!

Contributions to Literacy in Alaska (CLIA) Awards: Carol has extended the deadline for nominations to the end of May. A reminder to librarians will be sent to the State Library listserv members.

Beyond the Stacks fundraiser: Event is April 30. A few complimentary seats are available. Carol and Rayette are working out details.

National Bookfest in Washington DC: This year's event will be September 24. Trish is handing off the task of collecting and mailing freebies to Page and Christina. Need to purchase a rubber stamp for stamping participant passports. Would be nice to have a handout about bibliographies or other useful material. Camille may finally be able to attend this year.

New Board Members: Welcome to Zeb Kraft, adjunct professor at UAA, recruited by Trish Jenkins!

Fundraiser: The group adjourned to participate in the Pampered Chef fundraiser. Deadline for orders is May 6. Goals is for each member to gather 3-5 additional orders. Thanks to Sarah Cleary at The Pampered Chef for her help organizing the party and providing tasty baked brie and plenty of materials to help make the event a success.

Next Meeting: May 25 at Loussac??