

# Alaska Center for the Book

Board of Directors

Meeting Minutes

May 25, 2016

ATTENDING: Camille Oliver, Mark Weber, Hannah (need last name?), Zeb Kraft, Trish Jenkins, Tricia Brown, Robin Brook, Jathan Day, Sara Juday, Maria Bakulina, Patience Frederiksen, Rayette Sterling, and Lila Vogt (by phone).

MINUTES from April 28 meeting approved.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Lila sent Balance Sheet report as of May 24. Awaiting check for Letters about Literature.

READING RENDEZVOUS: Robin reported record attendance at about 2,200. Great weather, parking issues may have turned some people away, but that appeared to be minimal. More entertainers than in the past. 40 vendors. Overall given the logistics, construction, and loss of three big funders, it was a big success. New funders helped fill in the gap left by lost funders. The only real negative was the delay and attitude of the movers who brought tables and gear for set-up and take down. Same company as previous years, but not same service. Theme for next year: Construction: Build a Better World.

ALASKA BOOK WEEK: Coordinator Beth Waetjen sent a report since she was unable to attend and Trish Jenkins led the discussion. One event per night is planned. Trish reported that Kenai Peninsula College will be doing an event for the week and she is contacting folks across the state to promote involvement. Jathan is working on the book fair. Potential new donors include Tastee Freez, LaTouche Pediatrics, and Friesen's Printing. If we have donors finalized soon, we can move forward on bookmarks. Sara will contact Vered Mares about updating it. Some discussion about the final evening event and if we should honor writing contest and Letters about Literature winners again. Patience provided an outline of how pulling that together worked. AQR will host an event either Wednesday or Thursday. *[Note, in a post-meeting discussion with Ron Spatz, he said due to his teaching schedule, Thursday would be better.]*

UAA/ADN CREATIVE WRITING CONTEST: Done for this year. Feature with selected winners will run in We Alaskans on Sunday, May 29. All winning entries, along with names of judges are posted on LitSite. Checks and certificates to winners were mailed the week of May 15.

LETTERS ABOUT LITERATURE: Lila sent prize checks directly to winners. Jathan mailed letters. No national award winners this year, but Jathan felt there was a very high quality of letters. Jathan will send winning letters to Mark for posting on our website. Zeb is the new coordinator and work on next year's contest will kick-off in September.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO LITERACY IN ALASKA AWARDS: Deadline is May 31 and awards will be presented July 12.

NATIONAL BOOKFEST: Trish J. sent contacts for giveaways to Page Brannon who has offered to work with Christina Gheen on collecting and shipping items for this year's festival. Camille ordered the tattoos last year and will check on quantity. Nordic Ski Club has pins. We should consider printing extra bookmarks for Alaska Book Week or use last year's leftovers.

Discussed creating a handout/flyer with a recommended reading list and web address for LitSite Alaska's KidLit list and any other relevant websites. Tricia Brown agreed to compile a list of 10ish new titles to show. Sara offered to design. Will check with Ann Dixon to see if her group has made any progress on developing a new database of kid books.

Also discussed selection of the featured Alaska title. Sara suggested Charlie and the Blanket Toss. Rayettee offered to contact AKLA-A/Elizabeth Nicolai about possible titles. Need to select by June 15.

Zeb offered to go this year. Hannah may go as well. The event is September 24.

ANNUAL MEETING: June 22, 6 p.m. at the home of Tricia Brown. She will send out directions. Agenda will include election of officers and discussion of what we have done, what we want to do.