

Alaska Center for the Book
Minutes
April 16, 2020
Online via Zoom
6pm

Attending: Carol, Zeb, Page, Mark, Sarah, Trish, Christina, Camille, Sara, Rayette, Lila

Additions to Agenda

- none

New VP – Christina Gheen

- confirmed and congratulations!

Approve Minutes

- Minutes for March approved

Financial Report – Lila

- No financial report

Creative Writing Contest - Sara

- All of the selections are in for the contest, the grand prize and editor's choice are in. paperwork, certificates, and checks need to be completed, as does the ADN announcement, they have confirmed a one page writeup. The total for entries was down from ~600 to 440 or so. We need to make sure the year is given out correctly next year since it got confused this year in adverts.

Reading Rendezvous – Camille, Mark

- The virtual version is still in talks. The program will be shorter, but they intend to do something. Part of financial report is about refunding RR money donated or having it pushed as a donation for next year.

Alaska READS – Rayette

- Lila has written the books grant and an author is willing to travel for it. Trying to retool things in light of pandemic response issues. Had planned to launch at AKLA, but that event canceled, so we will have to figure out a later date and cobble together a smaller event for the fall. Lot of stuff up in the air, but books are coming, grant is finished, and an author on the list but everything else is in a holding pattern. Sara brought up tying her into ABW as an option.

CLIA – Carol

- Haven't received anything in terms of nominations for the award so far. Likely the requests went in in time with shutting everything down. We do have a file of old participant noms, so we could pull from those but we need to do a push to people to nominate someone or extend the deadline for nominations. Carol will send Page the information to send out to state libraries to get that ball rolling.
- Current deadline is May 1, but we agreed to push it to May 15.

Alaska Book Week – Trish

- Discussed having an awards thing at Ak book week if it is held in person.
- Meeting for April 27 to try to get things going, let people know it is still happening, etc.

State Literacy Awards - Page

- Page wrote the letters for Best Beginnings (winner) and other participants, will get them sent soon. The announcement is now up on LOC website. Will also post to Facebook for ACB.

National Book Festival - Page

- We need to find a book, figure out if it will even be happening this year, etc. Rayette brought up the book “Find the Good” by Heather Lende as a potential option with a wide audience.
- Page is going to email Guy at LOC to ask about news about possibilities for the festival.

Other topics for this or future meetings?

- Rayette asked for participation in an event for virtual open mic, asked if we could partner. Open mic is Apr 23, 6-7pm. Poets across Alaska and getting local poets to share their work. Asked if we could use our resources to get the word out.

Ongoing Business (May discuss or may wait till appropriate time)

ACB Records and Archives – updated document with borrow back language

ACB Bylaws – Sara, Lila

Letters About Literature – Zeb

- Haven’t heard anything since Christmas, when we discussed potentially doing a pared down AK only version

Idea Exchange

- Idea exchange was supposed to be in May, moved though, Page will ask about that in email to Guy as well.

Alaska Native Heritage Month

AHF is working on a Cares Act grant and revamping all of their grant processes in the current climate.

Anchorage Connects—Sarah did an interview on ktuu about a program to get people communicating and getting involved in activities. Rayette brought up if we could add this kind of conversation to our archive project.