

Alaska Center for the Book
Minutes of September 19, 2019 Meeting
Anchorage Public Library
6-7:30

Attending: Mark Weber, Sara Juday, Page Brannon , Gabriella Halas, Toby Widdicombe, Trish Jenkins, Camille Oliver, Sarah Preskitt, Lila Vogt, Rayette Sterling

- Gabrielle let us know she is moving to Canada in October. We will miss her!
- Minutes from August approved
- Financial Report:
 - National Bookfest reimbursement is coming.
 - Invoice sent to Friesens but no payment yet. Lila will check mailbox in the next week.
- Bookweek
 - Trish shared a list of events. Asked if reps from ACB can go to some of the events.
 - \$1000 in donations
 - Creative Writing Reception
 - Set up at 5:30
 - 40 RSVPs so far
 - Sara will put together a task list
 - Finding Readers Panel
 - Sara working on panel
 - Facebook Activity
 - Sharon Emmerichs asking for suggestions for discussion prompts
 - Publicity
 - Mark set up Instagram account: Alaska_book_week
 - Writers and venues are doing their own promotions
 - Trish will follow up with venues to make sure everything is set
 - Alaska Book Week website isn't coming up in Google search. Mark will update website with new list of events.
- Alaska Native Heritage Month
 - Email report from Carol
 - Possible event with Rosita Worl (Baby Raven Reads) who comes to Anchorage frequently. We may have funds to underwrite travel or per diem.
 - Need to find a new location since Bookstore is moving. Maybe Library 307. Or possibly Juneau?
 - Page will reach out to Patience about possible Juneau event. And Stephanie at Best Beginnings (they have grant money).
- State Literacy Awards
 - State Award – Oct. – Dec nomination period.
 - Not many applications submitted, so there's a good opportunity.
 - Board will look at the nomination material and think about possibilities.
 - Is it only organizations, or are projects eligible? Page will look into it.
- Letters about Literature
 - Toby and Zeb will get together to discuss grant possibilities

- Creative Writing Contest
 - Money coming for one more year at least
 - ADN on board
 - Sara will work on updating some rules and guidelines or FAQs to clarify some things.
 - We need volunteers to coordinate. Maybe more per section, so workload is smaller. Work is February – March. Maybe English interns.
- Alaska Reads
 - Frank is pulling together old committee and moving forward with book selection. Living author who can travel.
 - Grant and programming piece will come after selection.
- National Book Fest:
 - Page and Toby reported that it went very well. They were swamped, but still had some bookmarks left over.
 - The Fighter in Velvet Gloves got a very good response.
 - Toby had prepared a one-page sheet with a timeline of civil rights in Alaska, and people really appreciated that.
 - It was suggested that we might prepackage some of the bookmarks in packs of 25-30 for teachers, since we had extras this year and teachers seem to want to scoop them up.
 - Lots of requests for maps. Sara will contact The Milepost and the Travel Industry Association who had supplied them in the past. Would need about 200.
 - Page and Toby will submit a written report with more about their observations and suggestions for next year.
- Other business:
 - Sarah Preskitt agreed to be interim secretary for this semester since Zeb has to teach on Thursdays this semester.
 - Next meetings: October 17 and November 21