

MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH LIBRARY BOARD

Chair –
Vice Chair –
Secretary –
Marci Hawkins - Sutton

Ginny Robson – Trapper Creek
Virginia Richey - At Large 2
Carol Goltz - Willow
Bonnie Cavanaugh - At-Large 1

Deena Carlos – Wasilla
Diane Holl-Rambo - Talkeetna
Janel Gagnon – Palmer
Jennifer Rinaldi - Big Lake

MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING Sutton Public Library

September 17, 2016
10:00 A.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 10:02 am

II. ROLL CALL-DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

A. Members present and establishing a quorum were: Deena Carlos, Carol Goltz, Marci Hawkins, Virginia Richey, Diane Holl-Rambo, Ginny Robson, Bonnie Cavanaugh, Janel Gagnon

Members Absent and Excused: Jen Rinaldi

B. Staff Present: Jill Irsik, Recreation Services Secretary
Nancy Bertels, Sutton Librarian

C. Guest Present: Beth Skow, Palmer Librarian

III. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Ms. Cavanaugh opened the floor for nominations for Chair.

MOTION: Ms. Richey nominated Ms. Hawkins. Ms. Carlos 2nd. Ms. Hawkins accepted the nomination.

MOTION: Ms. Goltz nominated Ms. Gagnon. Ms. Cavanaugh 2nd. Ms. Gagnon accepted the nomination.

Board voted to hold the election of Chair via secret ballot. When ballots were counted 6 were in favor for Ms. Gagnon as Chair, and two in favor of Ms. Hawkins.

Ms. Gagnon opened the floor for nominations for Vice Chair.

MOTION: Ms. Robsin nominated Ms. Hawkins. Ms. Holl-Rambo 2nd. Ms. Hawkins accepted the nomination for Vice Chair. No other board members were nominated. Unanimous vote in favor of Ms. Hawkins for Vice Chair.

Ms. Gagnon opened the floor for nominations for Secretary.

MOTION: Ms. Richey nominated Ms. Goltz. Ms. Goltz declined nomination.

MOTION: Ms. Robson nominated Ms. Carlos. Ms. Cavanaugh 2nd. Unanimous vote in favor of Ms. Carlos for Secretary.

IV. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: Ms. Hawkins moved, Ms. Holl-Rambo 2nd, to approve the agenda. Agenda approved as written.

V. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

VI. MINUTES OF PRECEDING MEETING

A. August 17, 2016

MOTION: Ms. Goltz moved, Ms. Richey 2nd. Minutes approved as written.

VII. BOROUGH STAFF REPORT

Ms. Bertels reported the following for Sutton Library:

- The new Sutton Library has been open for four years. This year they had 4000 people participate in 312 programs. Average of 20,000 people have visited the library since it has been opened.
- Ms. Bertels is most proud of the collaboration between the library and the community.
- Some upcoming programs to note: Arm Chair Traveler, Common Threads, Community Concert Series.
- The library is working to bring more adults into the library via programing geared toward adults, as well as kids and teens.
- The library staff will soon begin their Sutton Elementary School classroom visits.

Mr. Leslie reported on the following:

- After last month's meeting, where we informed the board that it was the borough's intention to withdraw from the MSLN, I received inquiries from both the City of Palmer and the City of Wasilla. I encouraged both cities to send staff to the this meeting with the their comments as to the reason they felt the network was needed, given that the JLC was now duplicating most of the network's function.

VIII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD

Eugene Carl Haverman – spoke to the public process, as well as to Assembly Ordinance 16-111, which will be up for public hearing at the September 20th Assembly Meeting.

IX. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. MSLN Participation:

- Board members were reminded that at the conclusion of the August meeting, they were charged with going back to their respective librarians and speaking with them regarding the Borough's decision to leave the MSLN.
- Ms. Skow mentioned she did not know about that decision until she received an email stating that in order to lessen the duplication of effort and to save money the borough will not support the Library Network anymore.
- Further conversation included the thought that it might look on paper like there is a duplication of services, however, in reality there is no duplication of services.
- The JLC only deals with the automation of the catalog, not with any of the other services that the MSLN handles, such as the libraries working together for the good of community.
- The board would like to know what efforts the borough believes are being duplicated by the MSLN, as well as what the cost savings would be if the MSLN was eliminated
- Ms. Bertels spoke to the importance of having the borough and city libraries work together.
 - Informed the board that the biggest costs are the courier and mailing costs

- The board discussed the option of writing a resolution of support for the MSLN or a letter to the Manager, Mayor, and staff stating that the board is in favor of continuing with the MSLN.
- The board decided to wait until the librarians had a chance to meet and discuss the issue before taking any further action. The librarians will be meeting on Tuesday, September 20th.
- The board will continue this conversation at the October Library Board meeting based on what comes from the librarians meeting.

B. MSLN Strat Plan 2014 Update:

MOTION: Ms. Richey moved, Ms. Hawkins 2nd to table discussion of Strat plan update until October meeting. Motion to table passed with all in favor, none opposed.

X. NEW BUSINESS

None

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. Palmer Library July 2016 Stats

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

Ms. Hawkins – thanked Ms. Gagnon for taking the Chair position. Spoke to the Wasilla Library Grand Opening on September 2, 2016

Ms. Goltz – with the freeze on capital projects, the Willow Library development group would be willing to meet to discuss what the options are concerning funding for the Willow Library project. She will invite Assembly member Kowalke and Mayor Halter to the October Library Board meeting.

Ms. Richey – Willow Library is enjoying their new employee. Willow library has a survey out for different computer classes to be held at the Willow Library.

Ms. Holl-Rambo – Talkeetna Library is starting up their winter programs. They have a K-2 mentoring program starting which will run through mid-October. The food bank will provide snacks for this program.

Ms. Robson – Trapper Creek is doing their usual thing. The computers are full every minute. Wednesday is kids day. Battle of the books is starting back up.

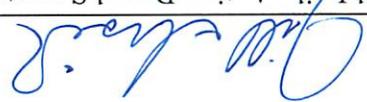
Ms Cavanaugh – encouraged everyone to be at the Wasilla Library's grand opening on September 22nd.

Ms. Carlos – The Friends of the Wasilla Library are holding their used book sale this weekend.

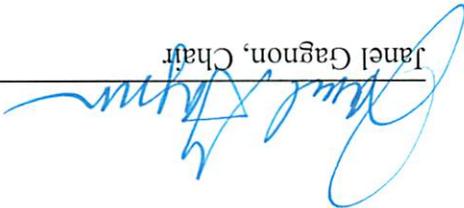
Ms. Gagnon – Programming at the Palmer Library is coming back into full swing. The Friends of the Palmer Library has a meeting on Monday, September 19. The Palmer Library recently worked with Active Soles, which holds the Happy Run every Monday in Palmer. They asked the runners to bring a book to donate. 130 runners showed up and filled four totes with books.

ATTEST:

Jill Irisk, Acting Board Secretary



Janel Gagnon, Chair



- XIII. FUTURE MEETING
 - October 15, 2016, 10:00 am, Willow Public Library
- XIV. ADJOURNMENT
 - Meeting was adjourned at 12:07 pm.