

Kettleson Memorial Library Commission
March 4, 2015

Present: Jane Eidler, Alice Johnstone, Barbara Bingham, Jan Love, Robb Farmer, library director and Ben Miyasato, Assembly liaison

Robb Farmer called the meeting to order in the stead of Board president Curt Ledford who was absent and excused.

Bill Foster made a presentation on his idea to change the name of Kettleson Memorial Library to Sitka Public Library. After some discussion, it was determined that the item should be put before the Friends of KML at their annual meeting on March 21. This will provide a chance to get the pulse of the community on the issue. Bill will contact Kari Sagel, Friends of KML president, to get it on the agenda.

Robb Farmer provided a construction report on the library expansion. Construction has been back under way for two weeks, the project is about five weeks behind the original schedule, and still on budget.

Robb Farmer gave an update on his legislative trip to Juneau. The State is looking at cut backs in many areas of library support. They are specifically looking to cut the Owl and Homework Helper Programs. Testimony will be taken at the LIO office March 5. Greg Mandel will speak for Kettleson.

The first draft of the budget has been sent to the City. It reflects about a 6% reduction from last year. Robb Farmer will report back to the Commission as he moves through the process.

Robb Farmer gave an update on the many dynamic programs taking place at the library.

Server migration to Anchorage is ongoing. The new server will provide improved access across the state.

The Salmon Project did a book drop at Kettleson. The book could make a good Sitka Reads program for our community.

The Commission will meet next on April 1, 2015.