

Kettleson Memorial Library Board of Directors
September 2, 2015

Commissioners PJ Ford Slack, Barbara Bingham, Cindy Litman, Jan Love, Alice Johnstone, Library Director Robb Farmer, and Assembly Liaison Ben Miyasato were present. Jan Love, filling in for Board Chairman Curt Ledford, called the meeting to order.

Guest Remarks: Nancy Yaw clarified with the Board some issues she had with the data collecting process for library the name change. Nancy suggested the library consider keeping a hard copy file of reports and information about City projects for patrons who prefer that to online. Robb will take this under consideration.

Bill Foster expressed to the Board his willingness to form a committee to plan a way to honor individuals significant to the history and success of libraries in Sitka. This honor system will be a permanent part of the new library. He will get the word out that a group is forming and advertise a 6:00 p.m. initial meeting on Wednesday, October 7 at the library.

Staff Compensation Research: This item was tabled until the October meeting.

Name Change Time Table: The letters for the new name (Sitka Public Library) on the building have been ordered. It was determined by the group that the name should officially go into use as of the opening ceremonies of the new building.

Construction Report: Progress is on target and at this point under budget. Walk-throughs should be available to the Board by the end of the month.

Library Annual Report: The 2015 annual report is complete. Our usually very high numbers were down in most areas of patron service. This is most likely due to the move to Stratton and it is anticipated numbers will go up again with the move to Sitka Public Library. This report is done annually as part eligibility for State Library Grant, which this year is \$6600.

Joint Library Consortium: The switch is still going well. Server costs will be cut by about one third. Director Farmer is confident that the savings will outweigh any additional cost from the program.

Weeding: Commission Ford Slack asked the Commission to consider support the Hoonah Library when weeding the collection and consider sending useful discarded books to supplement their collection.

Next Meeting: The next Commission meeting will be October 7 at 7:00 p.m. upstairs in the library.