

August 3, 2016
Sitka Public Library
Library Commission Meeting Minutes

The City and Borough of Sitka Library Commission met August 3, 2016 at 6:30 in the Library's Gus Adams room. In attendance were: President Alice Johnstone, Jane Eidler, Lorraine Inez Lil, Assembly liaison Ben Miyasato, Library Director Robb Farmer, Dorik Mechau, Barbara Bingham, Staff Liaison Marilyn Guhl

President Johnstone: Called the meeting to order

Corrections to last months minutes: Name correction spelling of Dorik and Barbara Bingham was not present last meeting.

July minutes were approved.

Library reduction hours:

Lorraine mentioned Sunday citizen wanting outside the library to print from his computer.

Benjamin made assembly aware of the commissions request if funds return, then please consider increasing the hours.

Library usage:

Robb: Up and high request for new Library cards. Traffic fantastic.

Staff rounds to count people. Patron counters are not friendly. Patrons are unhappy about the counters. They will be taken down. Not expensive, they will go into storage, and not be used. Dorik: Educate the public before we put up a new system.

Marilyn: Losses to inventory need to be discussed.

Books and DVD's are disappearing.

Educate public if they see something to say something.

Barbara: The machine would have tagged the materials.

Jane: Not sure how much is lost a month? No.

Programming update:

Discussion of Active July schedule of events that were all well attended.

Robb: Maite provides an enormous variety of programming for children.

Dorik: there are some movies that are shown when the library is closed.

Robb: There are times it is warranted, because programs are important.

Robb: Adult evening program the last Saturday of the month during the dark months. If someone has a problem then it can be discussed. Maite may want to have a lock in. Dorik would like to discuss another group that would like to do film. Library partners with organizations; i.e., the Sitka Music Festival. Alice: Charge for after hours? Robb: No, Barbara donation jar is out.

Expansion Project Update:

Robb: Not much has changed. Soon the project will be closed.

Excess project funds may go to the Centennial Building. We will know more next meeting. Marilyn: should the commission have a say what happens with the expansion money. Need: assistive technology, with a tier one grant. More lighting and shelving. Identify staff needs.

New Business:

Discussed seeing eye dogs and therapy dogs in the library.

Alice: Requested a Motion to adjourn:

Dorik: Motion to adjourn

Barbara: Seconded motion to adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted,

Lorraine Inez Lil