

AkLA-J meeting minutes
3/21/2000
Juneau Public Library

Call to order: AkLA-J Secretary Tahitia Orr called the meeting to order at 12:05pm. President Elise Tomlinson was absent due to illness.

Present: Tahitia Orr, Karen Crane, George Smith, Freya Anderson, Sandra Strandtmann, Rebecca Moorman, Paula Johnson, Marilyn Fisher, Brita Rice, Barbara Berg, and Aja Razumny.

Minutes of last meeting: The minutes from the February meeting have gone missing. They will be put forward when they turn up.

Treasurer's Report: There is currently a \$650.29 balance in the chapter account. \$20.00 had been deposited in the past month from membership renewals. Two checks had been written, one for \$100.00 to the U.S. Post Office for renewal of the bulk mailing permit and a \$50.00 check to the Friends of the Ketchikan Library for their Follett Book Bonanza fundraiser.

Discussion of old business: There was no old business.

Discussion of new business: Rebecca Moorman reported that Carol Hedlin and Elise Tomlinson are scheduled to speak at the Senate Finance Committee meeting on the 25th of March. They will be supporting the inclusion of the Databases for Alaskans in the Senate budget.

Karen Crane gave a state budget overview. Financing for the State Library looks good for the coming year. Financing for SLED and Database for Alaskans' is still under question. To be viable there needs to be \$65,000 in the capital budget allotted to SLED. Included in the capital budget is a \$400,000 request for the Databases for Alaskans.

Personal testimony is needed both Thursday and Friday, the 23rd and 24th of March, at the Senate Finance Committee meeting in support of all library related funding. Please give brief thanks for their support of the State Library and then move on and mention other needs.

It was mentioned that KTOO is looking for a volunteer group from AkLA-J to answer telephones at their spring fundraising drive. The groups the past two drives have been very successful and it is a good way for AkLA-J and librarians to get promotion. Our time slot is on Sunday, April 2nd, from 8:30am to 11:00am.

Those who attended the AkLA conference in Fairbanks in early March gave feedback and shared stories from their experiences. Many noted that it was the best AkLA conference they had ever attended.

Next meeting: The next AkLA-J meeting was set for April 19, 2000 at the Tlingit and Haida Vocational Training and Resource Center at 3239 Hospital Drive at 4:15pm. Rebecca Moorman will give a database presentation.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:53pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Tahitia Orr
AkLA-J Secretary