

AkLA-Juneau Minutes
January 10, 2001
Juneau Public Library, large conference room
Amended

Called to order at 12:12 by Chair Tish Orr

Present: Paula Johnson, George Smith, Karen Crane, Carol Race, Carol McCabe, Tish Orr, Barbara Berg, Jim Simard, Loraine Spear, Bonnie Herbold, and Freya Anderson.

Minutes from last meeting: Tish called for approval of the minutes. Loraine moved to accept them as written; Paula seconded the motion. They were approved unanimously.

Treasurer's Report: Balance listed as \$800.29 until new dues payments are added. Dues are due this month, and many paid at this meeting. \$50 and tax information will need to go to statewide AkLA, and Tish and Paula will work out details together.

Discussion of old business: Tish gave report from committee to discuss proposed grant for Sitka AkLA conference. They decided that the goal was to provide financial aid to help someone who would not otherwise be able to attend the conference. Tish handed out a proposed letter and grant application form. The only proposed requirements were:

- AkLA-J membership
- provision of short oral or written briefing of conference from recipient.

The proposed deadline for turning in application would be Jan. 30, 2001. The proposed selection committee would be the original committee (Rebecca Moorman, Aja Razumny, and Tish), with the addition of Carol Race to give a representative from JPL.

Barbara suggested pushing back the due date to Jan. 24, 2001, to allow an earlier notification date of Jan. 31, 2001, to allow recipients to take advantage of the early bird registration.

*Barbara moved to amend the dates as mentioned above. Jim seconded the motion, and it passed by acclamation.

*The amended form was passed by acclamation.

Tish said she would send out the amended letter and application forms to Juneau libraries via book bag or fax by Jan. 11, 2001

Discussion of new business: 2001 dues are currently due.

Tish presented a tentative meeting schedule for the year. The meetings are all set for Wednesdays, except for the February 6th meeting, which is on a Tuesday. The initial locations were set, and Tish called for suggestions for future locations, as well as for continuing education suggestions (to take place at the meetings themselves, or at other times). JPL's Douglas Branch was suggested as a possible meeting place, as were the

high school and DZ. It was also suggested that some meetings be held at some of the smaller libraries, perhaps in conjunction with tours. George or Karen suggested that they provide a brief overview of the new Child Protection Act and its impact on libraries at a meeting, perhaps in February.

Karen briefly presented what she currently knows about the Child Protection Act:

- Not much information on compliance is yet available, although it is known that public meetings will be required before filtering can be installed.
- It probably won't affect LSTA regional services grants.
- ASL probably won't be affected, since it doesn't actually use any of the federal money itself, rather acting as a conduit.
- It probably won't affect federal money that is not related to computers.
- It is not known when the act will begin to affect federal money (i.e. it is unclear if money already awarded but not yet spent will be affected).
- The FCC is expected to start the rule and regulation making process soon, including looking for reaction and public comment. This is a good opportunity for libraries to weigh in with opinions and concerns. The FCC is becoming more conservative than in the past, so this is important.
- COSLA and ALA are seeking legal advice, and considering the possibility of lawsuits. ALA is unsure about whether to file a suit itself or to leave that to Freedom to Read and the ACLU. The national ACLU has approached statewide AkLA about joining in a suit.
- Getting filtering off is very difficult once it is in place, so ****Don't do anything until you have to!**** No action is currently necessary.
- Don't pull out of round four of e-rate applications at this point for this reason. Even if you decide to eventually, there's no need to burn bridges at this point.

Karen will attend related meetings at ALA, and hopefully will come back with more definitive information. She hopes to know more by the end of next week (around 1/19). Jim asked if information had come out from filtering companies. Barbara mentioned that she would like to see a stipulation that filtering companies couldn't sell information gathered by their programs. Carol McCabe was also concerned about advertising built into filtering programs. Karen pointed out that many filtering companies were actually against this legislation due to liability concerns. Jim wondered if simple use of software would ensure compliance under this law. Karen pointed out that while compliance would be necessary for federal funding, the State Library has no desire to become filtering police. Carol McCabe mentioned that there had been no reaction at all to the related Juneau Empire article.

Continuing Education ideas were requested. Please contact Tish with any ideas for continuing education, by presenters within or outside of the library community. Carol McCabe suggested combining some of these with JPL staff meetings and training. Some ideas are:

- scanning, specifically project planning--not technical information
- Barbara suggested photographic preservation and restoration
- map data from Marshal Kendziorek.

- use continuing education to increase outreach to school librarians. They may be interested in map info.
- accessibility issues, particularly an overview of the accessibility technology currently available at JPL.

Announcements: The Alaska State Library has a new librarian, Andrew Adaryukov. Bonnie Herbold is new (as of September 2000) at the Auke Bay Labs.

Next Meeting: The next AkLA-J meeting was set for 5:15 p.m. on February 6th at the Mendenhall Valley Library.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Freya Anderson
AkLA-J Secretary