

AkLA-Juneau Minutes
October 13, 2001
Mendenhall Valley Branch

Called to order at 12:25 by Chair Tish Orr

Present: Barbara Berg, Kay Shelton, Tish Orr, Rebecca Moorman, Jim Simard, Freya Anderson

Minutes from last meeting: Kay moved that they be approved. The motion passed.

Treasurer's Report: none.

Discussion of old business: The @ your library campaign continues. We need ideas for getting the bumper stickers into circulation. Some have been seen (besides on librarians' vehicles). We have about 3-4 weeks of ads remaining for the Capital City Weekly and about 3 months with the Empire. We're getting national attention through ALA. Tish will send something into Newspoke for the next issue.

The Assembly voted to purchase the Faith Lutheran land for a new Mendenhall Valley Branch, but there continue to be challenges. At the end of the last Assembly meeting, Mr. MacKinnon moved to reconsider the vote to purchase the Faith Lutheran land. Because of the motion, the new Assembly could decide to reconsider the motion at the next Assembly meeting. It would be great if people could show their support by attending the Assembly meeting Monday night at 7:00. Although public testimony will not be allowed, being there, perhaps with AkLA or library related items or apparel, might show the concern and support of the community. If the sale doesn't go through soon, we may lose the opportunity as the church may sell to someone else. While the library is open to discussing different options, the Dimond site looks like it has significant problems, primarily related to space.

Discussion of new business: Barbara and Tish presented the legislative priorities as determined at the Face-to-Face meeting in Anchorage (handout). Tish also presented a general overview of that meeting. They are open for revisions at this point, but the final listing needs to be voted on at the November statewide AkLA teleconference. Barbara mentioned the special intellectual freedom concerns likely to arise with filtering and the anti-terrorism act. Kay suggested adding something about historical collections and Alaskana to the statement relating to the State Library.

Many of the legislative priorities initially suggested by our chapter and others are not actually appropriate. With no specific project to support, they are not helpful in formulating State policy. It was suggested, however, that these important and creative ideas should not go to waste. Many would be useful as ideas and concerns to develop and address in other ways. How will we, together with statewide AkLA, focus on using these ideas?

Kay mentioned that the historical photographs presented by the Historical Society to new legislators were quite popular. AkLA might consider presenting something that would keep libraries in mind.

Door prizes were awarded.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is schedule for November 7th at Auke Bay Labs, 12:00-1:00.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Freya Anderson
AkLA-J Secretary