

AkLA-Juneau Minutes
December 12, 2001
Alaska State Library

Called to order at 12:10 by Chair Tish Orr

Present: Catherine Wallen, Daniel Cornwall, Sandra Strandtmann, Bonnie Herbold, George Smith, Kay Shelton, Karen Crane, Elise Tomlinson, Lynn Shepherd, Paula Johnson, Tish Orr, Rebecca Moorman, Jim Simard, Freya Anderson

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

Treasurer's Report: The current balance is \$467.74

Discussion of old business: Juneau Public Library has been directed to look only at the Dimond site at this time for options for a new Valley branch library.

Discussion of new business: An election was held for 2002 officers. Tish Orr was unopposed for chair, Rebecca Moorman was unopposed for secretary, Paula Johnson and Rose Welton ran for Treasurer. Tish, Rebecca and Rose were elected. Congratulations to all new officers, and thanks to Paula for her long service as treasurer!

Daniel and Karen presented information on the ESEA bill, commonly known as the Reed amendment). This bill passed, authorizing, but not funding, \$250 million for school librarians. The next task is to encourage our elected officials to fund the measure.

Tish covered some continuing education opportunities and options for Juneau library staff. Learning Librarian offers webcasts, as does ACRL. These may not be cost effective. DuPage is offering a webcasts in February and April on virtual reference. These are offered free through our membership in BCR. Tish is looking into accessing the webcasts at UAS.

Bruce Shuman will be speaking on library security issues in a preconference session before the annual AkLA conference in Anchorage. He will be able to do a presentation here in Juneau on the Friday of the conference (March 8th). For those still here in Juneau, this may be a helpful opportunity.

There are many other training opportunities as well. The State Library has a wide variety of training videos, which may be borrowed, or perhaps shown in at meetings.

Daniel presented information on accessing training online through BCR. The State Library has purchased virtual coupons to be used for training. If you are interested, check out course offerings at [<http://www.bcr.org/workshop/web-based.html>]. Contact Daniel at 465-2927 or dan_cornwall@eed.state.ak.us for information or voucher numbers. Participants are asked to write a brief evaluation of the course. BCR offers free online courses as well.

Tish asked if the current schedule of meetings was good, or if it should be modified to better accommodate attendees. The consensus was that no schedule was perfect, but this one was good, with meetings alternating between downtown and valley locations. Downtown meetings should generally be held during the day, and valley ones in the evening.

Honorary membership nominations were discussed, but due to the confidential nature, will not be posted. Feel free to contact Freya or Tish if you have any questions.

Announcements: Juneau Public library is opening a half-time position in Youth Services and a Library Tech. II position will be open until Dec. 18th.

UAS is opening the adjunct position pool, and a full-time Outreach Services Librarian position will be opening shortly.

It looks like the State Library may be getting some federal dollars for establishing a Virtual Digital Library. This is a university/state cooperative, but would actually be a statewide activity. The first task is to set standards.

Next Meeting: The next meeting is schedule for January 16 2002, 5:15-6:15 at the Juneau Public Library large meeting room.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Freya Anderson
AkLA-J Secretary