



Alaska Library Association – Juneau Chapter
Minutes, March 21, 2002
Egan Library

Meeting called to order at 5:17pm by Tish Orr, Chapter Chair.

Present: Freya Anderson, Kathy Boutin, Barb Kreher, Rebecca Moorman, Tish Orr, Lynn Shepherd, Jim Simard, Elise Tomlinson, Rose Welton.

Additions to the Agenda

nothing added

Minutes: February 22, 2002

The minutes were approved.

Treasurer's Report

Report Period: 2/21/02 – 3/21/02

The balance of the Chapter savings account is: **\$30.00**

The balance of the Chapter checking account is: **\$542.74**

Expenditures for this report period:

There were no expenditures during this period

Deposits for this report period:

\$30.00 2002 chapter dues

Old Business

AkLA CLICK Conference report – Various AkLA-J members attended the annual conference in Anchorage; here are some of their comments.

- Tish prepared and delivered a *Juneau Chapter Annual Report*, and spent a lot of time at the SLED table handing out bookmarks.
- Freya presented a preconference called *Grab Attention @ Your Library* which was attended by about forty enthusiastic participants.
- Statewide AkLA voted to promote libraries on a statewide level through the *@ Your Library* campaign.
- There were good sessions on Interlibrary Loan and Authors to Alaska.
- The sessions on services for Alaska Natives were good; there were good explanations of the problems out there. A woman from Tuzzy Consortium Library in Barrow gave a moving presentation about her experience with books and reading.
- The school librarians' preconference included a tour of libraries, some of which have really great resources and settings.
- Kathy Boutin is now AkASL president. Her emphasis will be reaching out to school boards and teachers to promote school libraries and full staffing by librarians. Juneau was one of the first school systems in the state to cut librarian jobs, but it is happening across the state now. By being more visible and doing more outreach, Kathy hopes to educate those who control school funding of the importance of libraries in the schools.

- The plagiarism sessions were good. Plagiarism detection software programs were discussed, along with the features to consider. The quality and prices of these programs vary widely, but their function is to “test” papers: look for inconsistencies of writing style, recognizable text, etc.

Library Security workshop report – Regrettably, this workshop was a serious disappointment. The speaker had a lot of anecdotes to relate that didn’t seem terribly relevant to the issue of library security. One issue that was discussed was the need for a communications network among local libraries to alert each other of problem patrons. After much discussion, the group decided to defer this discussion to the library directors. It’s really hard to know what kind of communication is appropriate, legal, etc., especially when alerting others about a potential problem, not an actual event that has occurred.

Juneau AkLA Conference 2003 Report – The conference theme has been chosen: *Achieving Excellence @ Your Library*. Deb Mole has been contacting possible speakers, including Father Oleksa and Sandra Nelson. At least one preconference at AkLA 2002 lacked relevance to libraries smaller than Anchorage Municipal, so the 2003 group is trying to focus on issues relevant to smaller libraries. Freya has begun corresponding with the Convention & Visitors’ Bureau folks. Tish, Freya and crew did a song & dance at the end of 2002 conference to invite people to next year’s conference. They sang about *J-U-N-E-A-U* to the tune of *The Mickey Mouse Club Theme*. Not too many folks have volunteered for duties yet; Daniel Cornwall has agreed to be Equipment Chair, Barbara Berg has agreed to handle Printing, Barb Kreher will coordinate Registration with Pat McClear, and a lot of people have agreed to help “later.” Lynn and Freya will continue to strongly encourage participation.

New Business

Virtual Reference Teleconference part 2, April 19, 2002 – The second part of the College of DuPage conference on virtual reference services is coming soon. The broadcast will again be held at UAS, from 8:00 – 10:00am, and will again be taped. Contact Tish for more information.

Replacement AkLA-J Chapter Chair needed – to begin in August! – Tish is leaving in August, so the group will need another chair. She’ll bring it up again until someone volunteers.

Announcements

Bruce Coville, children’s author, will be at Juneau Public Library April 6th, at 7:00pm. He will also present two programs for kids on Sunday, April 7th. Contact Carol Race to assist.

The Cook Inlet Book Bonanza is accepting applications from school libraries for their giveaway.

Kaia Hendrickson and Jim Simard have been hired as part-time Reference Librarians at UAS.

Next Meeting

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, April 17, 2002, from 12:00-1:00pm, in the State Library Conference Room.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 6:29pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Rebecca Moorman, AkLA-J Secretary