AkLA-ANCHORAGE
Friday, August 14, 2015
Mexico in Alaska, 6:30-8:00 PM
Meeting Minutes

Present: Stacia McGourty (President), Stephanie Schott (Vice-President), Lorelei Sterling (Treasurer), Ruth D. Terry (Secretary), Jodi Jacques (Past President)

I. Approve minutes from May 2015 meeting

II. Discussion of declining school librarian membership
   Action: Stacia will email Ann Morgester.

III. Statement from the treasurer
   A. Account balance and status of switching banks
   B. Upcoming expenses
      1. Banned Books Week – $100
         Action: Locate high resolution copy of AkLA-A logo to use in Banned Books Week marketing items and AkLA-A letterhead
      2. Beyond the Stacks in 2016 – should we continue to fund a corporate table?
      3. PO Box – Why continue to pay? The board will likely always include librarians from Loussac or Consortium Library, and receiving mail at one of these locations is free.
         Action: Ruth or Lorelei will investigate receiving mail at Consortium Library

IV. Event brainstorming
   A. Banned Books Week – selfie contest, poetry slam, quiz.
      Action: Stacia is planning events.
   B. Library Horror Stories/Dealing with Difficult People: Police officers, front-line managers could speak. Possible date: October
27 at Loussac or UAA, Loussac preferred. Alternate date October 29.
Action: Lorelei will recruit people to participate.
Action: Stacia will discuss elections/committees at this or December event.

C. Wine and Cookie exchange. Possible date: December 5 at a private home, 6 PM, maybe Lorelei’s house. Could make this a potluck event, too, if held late in the day.
Action: At this event, Lorelei will distribute membership renewal forms.

D. Next year:
1. All about conferences: attendance, proposals, presentations, poster sessions. Have speakers who can reflect on local, regional, national conferences. Possible date: January 2016.
2. Trivia Night: first round on AkLA-A from our winnings last year. Possible date: February 2016.
3. Panel discussion about becoming a librarian: hiring, negotiation, discussion of librarianship jobs/different types of librarians: school, public, special, academic, managing/director, technical services; hear from recent graduates. There was a similar event some years ago; Erik Carlson might be knowledgeable about how it was structured. Possible date: April 2016.

V. Meeting adjourned