

# SOLDOTNA LIBRARY FRIENDS – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Monthly Meeting Minutes

March 8, 2023, at 10:15 am

**Attendance:** Joan Merrick (President), Barbara Olson (Secretary), Vicki Johnston-Freese (Book Sales), Heather Rausch

**Absent:** Michelle Blackwell (Vice President), Pam Joslin (Treasurer), Wendi Dutcher, Mary Lou Wilcox

**Guests:** Ryanna Thurman (Assistant Librarian)

**1) Call to order at 10:15 am:** Joan Merrick

- Noting there is not a quorum, an informal business meeting will be held.

**2) Approval of agenda:** Agenda approved although no quorum is present.

**3) Approval of minutes from last 3 meetings:** Postponed until April 12, 2023 Board Meeting

- January 11, 2023, Annual Meeting
- January 11, 2023, Monthly Meeting
- February 8, 2023, Monthly Meeting

**4) Treasurer's Report:** Pam via email

- The month of February began with \$33,260.77 in the bank.
- The February book sale totaled \$714.25. Other revenue from the bookshelf, donations, memberships, and a special donation of \$500 from Schwab/Mitchell trust for banned book program brought total revenues to \$1,467.20. Expenses included some supplies and fees.
- End of month cash balance in bank and on hand total is \$34,669.67.

**5) Book Sale Report:** Vicki

- We had 102 people attend the book sale held on February 23. A couple of people brought their canvas book bags to fill for \$5. People were impressed with our new bookcases. Vicki built a small shelf for CD's.

**6) Librarian's Report:** Ryanna

- Rachel is out until March 20<sup>th</sup>, then immediately goes to AKLA (Alaska Library Association) conference in Fairbanks.
- They have great programs coming up for kids – Art Quake, Teen Foodie Fridays, new monthly Tween series that has been well attended.
- They are gearing up for summer reading and will be requesting funds soon. The theme All Together Now will include a community puzzle in the fireplace area, Tuesday kids' programs, along with teen and adult programs. Other ideas include having the kids paint fabric blocks and then sewing them together (with the new sewing program) to make a community quilt along with an idea to have the adults sew a quilt that the Friends could perhaps sell as a fund raiser.
- Sewing program supplies – Ryanna would like to purchase the supplies needed for this program by March 31. She will be shopping with Pam to acquire these items. Barbara will email Pam this information.
- Ryanna reported that the library received a donation of \$10,000 made out to the Soldotna Public Library. She reported that this will be going into the general fund.

**7) Old Business**

- a) Board of Directors Open Seats: Our three potential members are not at this meeting. Barbara will remain in contact with them in hopes they are interested in joining.
- b) Bylaws Committee – Discussion on Recommendations: No action as there is no quorum.

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- c) Volunteer Appreciation Event on April 25: There will be an Open House from 11 am to 3 pm in the community room. We are inviting our volunteers, our board, the Library Advisory Board, and the library staff. The main goal is to show our appreciation to our volunteers. Our secondary goal is for everyone to meet everyone else. We have a lot of people all working for the same purpose to promote the library in our community, but we don't all know each other. Vicki suggested we hold a drawing for the gift baskets that we already have made up.

**8) New Business**

- a) Summer Reading Program Banner: Barbara discussed helping the library with their goal of breaking the record with the number of people participating in the summer reading program. She suggested a banner to hang outside the library. There was discussion about having this year's theme with specific dates or keeping it general (June-July) so it can be used over multiple years. Ryanna will meet with Leslie on this and decide what will work best. Barbara will contact Mary Lou to come up with a design, subject to the library staff approval. This will be discussed at our next meeting as we will need to vote if we want to fund this.

**9) President's Report:**

- a) Sewing Machine Project: Take picture of sewing machine turnover to the library.
  - We took a picture that will be used for publicity for the Sew Fun at the Library program kick-off.

**Next Book Sale:** March 30, 2023, from 2-6 pm

**Next Board Meeting:** April 12, 2023, at 10:15 am, Conference Room A

**Next Library Advisory Board Meeting:** April 17, 2023, at 5:15 pm

**Adjournment:** 10:50 am