



Petersburg Borough

12 South Nordic Drive
Petersburg, AK 99833

Meeting Minutes Library Advisory Board Regular Meeting

Tuesday, February 25, 2025

12:00 PM

Ruth Sandvik Conference Room

Meeting held in person in the Ruth Sandvik Conference Room and via Zoom
<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/89778106129>

1. Call to Order / Roll Call

Board members in attendance: Mary Ellen Anderson, Julie Spigelmyre, Deb O'Gara, Barb Fish, Lizzie Thompson.

2. Approval of Minutes

A. The minutes from the October 29, 2024 Library Board Regular Meeting were unanimously approved as presented.

3. Amendment and Approval of Meeting Agenda

The meeting agenda was approved as presented.

4. **Persons to be Heard Related / Unrelated to Agenda:** John McCabe attended the meeting via Zoom to answer questions regarding the Art Education Endowment Guidelines Revision.

5. Staff Reports

A. Director's Report

Library Director Alcock read the Director's Report into the record.

B. Program Coordinator's Report

Library Director Alcock read the Program Coordinator's Report into the record.

6. Unfinished Business

No unfinished business.

7. New Business

A. **Art Education Endowment Guidelines Revision:** John McCabe added more specific guidance on resolving violations to the fund integrity in the updated guidelines. The

revised section was unanimously approved. John mentioned that more amendments may be coming in the future.

- B. Annual Report on Library Endowments:** Library Director Alcock presented the annual report on the library's Alaska Community Foundation Endowments.
- C. FY26 General Fund Budget Request:** The proposed FY26 Library budget request is was reviewed and discussed. Increases over last year are largely due to increased personnel costs, both salaries and benefits. A Marine Passenger Fee Request for \$15,400 is also planned to offset the cost of janitorial service May-Sept. The budget request was unanimously approved.
- D. Request to display photo of Ruth Sandvik in the Sandvik Room:** Joe Sebastian requested that the library hang a photo of Ruth Sandvik in the Sandvik Room. The board discussed the proposal. A motion was made to move the agenda item to the next meeting.

8. Discussion Items

- A. Report from member O'Gara on attending 2024 International Conference of Indigenous Archives, Libraries and Museums**
- B. Friends of the Library Updates:** The Friends held their annual meeting Saturday Dec 28, 2024. They voted to sponsor the purchase of board games, game programs, the Year of Reading program and the Summer Reading Challenge.

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contentious age of closures and book bans, meet those who created a civic institution where everything is free and the doors are open to all." PBS, Independent Lens

- C. Future of Library Collections Budget:** There are two potential funding cuts on the horizon for the library's collections budget (books,DVDs) that Board members should be aware of:
- 1/The library receives an annual \$10,000 grant in cooperation with the Petersburg Indian Association. This grant, known as the Institute for Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Basic Grant, is federally funded and may be impacted by federal government cuts
 - 2/The library receives an annual \$7,000 grant from the State of Alaska. This grant, known as the Public Library Assistance Grant, was threatened last year and may be the target of cuts again in the coming year.

- D. Gratitudes & Recognitions:** So many community members play a part in improving the library. This month special recognition is extended to

Kris Norosz for her longstanding support for youth programs at the library and for her recent donation in memory of her mother, Jo Norosz.

Matt Bryner for making the library bright and beautiful for another holiday season.

Sally Riemer for her many years of service on the Library Board and Friends of the Library.

Keith Anderson for overseeing our mechanical system issues and keeping the library warm.

Member Thompson agreed to write thank you cards.

- E. Next Meeting:** Tentatively scheduled for Tuesday April 8

9. Adjourn