# UNALASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY | LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, January 31, 2022 **5:30 PM** 

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**Mission:** Unalaska Public Library educates, enriches, and inspires community members by connecting them to the world and each other.

I. Call to Order and Roll Call

Present: Crane, Thompson, Hanson-Zueger, Hatfield, Magdaong, Hazen Absent: Macke

- II. Reading of Mission Statement Hatfield read the mission statement.
- III. Introduction of Visitors Roger Blakeley, PCR Director
- IV. Additions or Changes to the Agenda Hanson-Zueger moved to postpone discussion on item VIIIb: Library Policy Review & Input and item IXa: Election of Officers until the March Advisory Committee meeting. Hatfield seconded. Revised agenda approved by consensus.
- V. Public Comment on Agenda Items None
- VI. Minutes of the January 3 meeting Magdaong moved to approve the minutes of the January 3, 2022 meeting. Hanson-Zueger seconded. Minutes approved by consensus.
- VII. Librarian's Report City Librarian presented the December 2021 Librarian's Report. She mentioned that the library and Community Center, in partnership with IFHS Clinic, have been handing out free home Covid-19 test kits and have handed out over 100 test boxes so far. She mentioned that thanks to help from Museum of the Aleutians, the library will have the Cuttlefish recordings mentioned in a recent KUCB story available on a USB drive for in-library use by patrons, and when the UAF grant to digitize these recordings has been completed, they will also be available through the Unalaska Public Library online catalog. She also requested committee volunteers for judging the library's Valentine's Day Poetry Contest.

#### VIII. Old or Unfinished Business

- A. Library Building Improvement Project City Librarian updated the Committee on this project. The timeline for closing, packing, and reopening in Burma Road Chapel will be finalized by February 1. Most of the artwork housed in the library will be displayed in City Hall during construction, with a few pieces going into storage. The RFQ for architectural services during construction has a February 9, 2022 deadline, and an architect will be selected ASAP after that date.
- B. Library Policy Review & Input: Library Rules of Conduct **Postponed until March meeting.**
- C. CY2021 Report to Council City Librarian presented the draft report. The Committee did not request any changes. This year, the Mayor and Council have requested that the committees and commissions turn in only a written report and skip the verbal report they've given in previous years. This report will be presented to City Council in their packet for the February 9, 2022 meeting.

- IX. New Business
  - A. Election of Officers **Postponed until March meeting.**
  - B. FY23 Operating Budget In an attempt to keep a 0% budget increase city-wide for FY23, the City Manager has asked departments to cut 5% of their overall budget, in anticipation of personnel and other increases outside of the city's control. City Librarian asked for Committee input on these proposed cuts. Committee advised that if money could be added back into the budget, they would add it into training and book budget lines. The Committee also brainstormed ideas for fundraising through Friends of the Library, individual sponsorships, and soliciting prize donations for reading programs.
  - C. FY23 Budget Goals Committee reviewed the library's FY23 Budget Goals and suggested several minor wording changes.
- X. Announcements: The three committee members with terms expiring in February 2022 will submit applications for reappointment. Lynn will be out of town around April 1. The Museum of the Aleutians will host a Choc-o-Lot virtual event the weekend before Valentine's Day. The Museum will also host the annual Community Art Show in the coming months.
- XI. Next Meeting: March 7, 2022
- XII. Adjournment **6:44 PM**

### **Committee Members and Terms:**

M. Lynn Crane, Chair - 02/2024 Cyri Thompson, Vice Chair - 02/2022 Debbie Hanson-Zueger - 02/2023 Virginia Hatfield - 02/2022 Estkarlen Magdaong - 02/2022 Cat Hazen - 02/2024 Karen Macke - 02/2024