



## Minutes for Annual 116<sup>th</sup> Association Meeting April 24, 2018

- Meeting called to order at 7:30 and attendance was taken.
- Get to know your neighbor activity enabled attendees to introduce themselves through books that they loved when they were young and what they are reading now.
- The minutes from the 2017 Annual Association meeting were moved, seconded and approved unanimously.
- Consolidated Committees Report Q&A: Thanks to all volunteer power to enable our committees to function and achieve their goals. There is always a need for help and members (see the signup list on the table).
- Library Director's highlights and future events: Emily spoke to 56% increase in downloadable books since last year, 7% increase in visits and a 11% increase to our collection. Free attraction passes were announced including passes to VINS and Fairbanks Museum. Emily pointed out type of toys on display that have been donated or purchased by the library for the kids' maker space downstairs and announced new toy lending library. An outdoor play area has been set with new picnic tables and storage containers for outside toys.
- Election of new association members: Nominations were made for Scott Elledge, Kelly Donahue, Christiane Carol, Anne McKinsey, Hillary Dudenhoffer. Moved, second and approved unanimously.
- Election of 3 new members of the board: Nomination of Christiane Carol, Hillary Dudenhoffer, and Anne McKinsey for 3 year terms was moved, seconded and approved.
- Spring raffle was held and the winner is Kathy Chapman.
- Renovation plans to the interior first and basement floor were handed out with a walk through the changes. Points include: opening up the front foyer for a circulation desk to maximize space and moving primary entryway to the rear of the building, enclosing part of the back door ramp for an airlock and moving the drop box to that area, replacing oil furnace with heat pumps, installing a LULA elevator and rebuilding the downstairs steps to provide disability access to the basement, adding a bathroom to the downstairs, and building a director's office. It was also noted that parking lot expansion is being considered which is separate from interior renovation. Audience comments:
  - Will too many books be culled due to reduction of storage space. The answer is that there will be additional book shelf capacity. Current storage space needs to be cleaned of non-book items.
  - Movement of circulation desk will be much appreciated to avoid having the volunteer's back to the door.
  - Concern of closing the historic front entrance. The answer is that street parking is tight and especially in the winter dangerous; the steps leading to the front entrance are hard in the winter to keep clean, safe and lighted. The entrance will remain an emergency exit and will not be changed. The parking lot expansion will increase parking that is safer.
  - Is there consideration of expansion of the building? Answer is no as it is very expensive and the board believes that most of the 5-year plan goals can be met with renovation of the interior.
- Treasurer's Report: to date our fund balance is over a \$1 Million which is back to pre-2008 levels. Additional funds include proceeds from the Clifford building sale which are reserved for renovations.
- Retiring Board Trustees includes appreciation for Shirley Montagne's service and 1 year as president as well as for service by Joi Winchell and Jen Spanier.

Adjourned at 8:50 PM.