

March 2018
Report to Council
Coffman Cove Community Library

We had our quarterly Library meeting this past Saturday. We discussed the PLA and ILC Grants that have to be signed and mailed in by April 1, 2018.

Two of our three rugs have arrived for our entry at the library. One is bright native red rug for our Alaska section.

The Early lit program is alive and well. We now have 7 very active toddlers attending. Joell and Dawn are doing a great job with the kids.

We have been meeting a lot of new people over the past couple of days who are in town that are working for the state of Alaska and are so very happy to be able to use our internet for business purposes.

We are continuing to enter new books that have been donated.

Written by Debbie Stewart
March 7, 2018

COFFMAN COVE COMMUNITY LIBRARY
Regular Meeting
March 3, 2018 at the Library

Call to order: 10:10 am

Attendance:

Library Board Commission – Julie Lortie, Debbie Igo-Stewart, Allan Thompson, Dawn Rosenlund
Public: Gina Cavaretta, Carolyn Duncan

Public Comment:

What can we do to keep internet services available at our Library?

Update on internet:

- Discussion included costs, grant availability, annual Governor/State Budget, compensation by State to companies involved.
- What if we only have internet available inside the library – no wi-fi?
- What if we go to Hughes Net but we would not have OWL - consensus = NO
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- The Coffman Cove Library internet is used a great deal for printing out forms for locals; DMV/CDLs, IRS forms, State permits, logging permits, downloading e-books, fishermen, hunters, ordering boat parts, printing airline boarding passes....The library is a back-up system for the local businesses.
- We have Science readers throughout the summer who read Science periodicals weekly, newspapers weekly.
- If in the future a budget does not pass can we get out of our contract?
- Can we renegotiate to operate at a lower level?
- Libraries are continuous, reliable communication centers. Businesses come and go.
- Julie Hull will have 'pay as you go' internet available from her purple house across from the harbor.
- City Hall wi-fi is available but only for City business.

Reply to Valarie:

Dawn has been corresponding with her and will update her by Monday.

Library Budget (included):

- \$8,000.00 has been spent of the \$10,000.00 budgeted.
- Questions regarding the OWL and E-Grant funds; are they each paid in a lump sum once a year or monthly? Does the money go directly to City Hall or to the Provider? We understand that City hall receives an ACS billing monthly and pays a % of it.
- Transportation costs to conferences discussed. Head Librarian and 1one volunteer attended a library conference once every two years. Costs are out-of-pocket and then reimbursed.
- The Coffman Cove Library internet presently costs the city of Coffman Cove just less than \$200.00/month. Concern if the funding for our grants that cover the majority of our internet costs diminish or are not available in the annual budget there are hundreds of small libraries across Alaska that will be affected. It is not just Coffman Cove in this situation!

- The Library Commission wants a Line Item for the Library Donations just for Library items or an accounting by the Board.
- “Friends of the Library” was discussed to possibly help fund our Library.. It would be the local community. Research was done last year but due to misunderstandings and misinformation the idea created a 'firestorm' within the community and was dropped.

Library Statistics Chart (included):

Much of what happens at the Coffman Cove Library does not fit on a chart.

Students are counseled for college admissions, resume preparations, military duty possibilities, advanced classes are taken.

Several Coffman Cove students have gone on to college because of hours, days, weeks of guidance received from Library volunteers while researching possible opportunities.

Next Meeting: Tuesday, April 24, 2018, 10:00 am at Coffman Cove Library

PLA Grant : DUE APRIL 2, 2018 \$500.00 towards internet services

Typo first page 1:00 not !:00 , FAX # wrong.

Our Library is required to cover four basic areas:

- Have books to loan to the public
- Access to ILL, Inter-Library Loans
- Reference services
- Provide program for young children, Early Literacy program

Dawn Rosenlund made motion that we complete the grant and submit it prior to the deadline. Allen Thompson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Julie Lortie-yes, Debbie Igo-Stewart-yes, Dee Dee Jefferies by proxy-yes, Allan Thompson-yes, Dawn Rosenlund-yes. Motion passed.

ILC, Inter Library Cooperation, grant for a new computer:

Discussion regarding use of ILC grant funds to replace the not working older Apple computer and getting shades for the windows in front of the library computers.

Debbie Igo-Stewart made the motion to apply for the ILC Grant to use the funds to purchase a new computer to replace the old non-working Apple and to purchase shades for the window area in front of the library computers. Allen Thompson seconded the motion. Roll call vote: Julie Lortie-yes, Debbie Igo-Stewart,-yes, Dee Dee Jefferies by proxy-yes, Allan Thompson-yes, Dawn Rosenlund-yes. Motion passed.

Old Apple Computer that does not work:

Discussion regarding non-working Apple computer and non-working keyboard – ask the City if we can donate the old Apple computer and keyboard to the school. It is of no \$\$\$ value and the school has requested that if possible, we donate it to them.

Debbie Igo-Stewart will talk with Mayor Perry Olson about donating the computer to the school.

Door Code Change:

The last Monday of March Allen will change the code and get the information to the volunteers.

Meeting adjourned 11:29 am

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