

MUNICIPALITY OF SKAGWAY
Skagway Public Library Board
MINUTES

Tuesday, September 26, 2023, at 4:00 p.m. in the Assembly Chambers and Zoom

Call to Order	
7:07 p.m.	Nan Saldi

Roll Call	
Present	Rachel Dewan (RD), Library Director Nan Saldi (NS), Chair Peter Griffard (PG), Vice Chair Aaron Schmidt (AS), Secretary Janilyn Heger (JH), Board Member
Absent	Johanna Evans (JE), Board Member Deb Potter (Assembly Liaison)

Approval of Agenda	
Approved	PG, JH

Minutes - April 17, 2023	
Approved	PG, JH

Communications	
Citizens Present	N/A
Correspondence	N/A

Librarian's Report

Unfinished Business

A. Update on the Library Trust Fund

- Moved into a new investment account
- Accrued \$290.58 in interest since July 2023

B. Selling old books online

New Business

A. Special Projects Fund: Fish Tank

- Current fish tank is leaking
- We need a new 55-gallon fish tank

MOTION

- Motion to use library special projects fund to fund a new fish tank
 - AS, NS
 - Approved unanimously

B. Revising the Library Room Use Policy

Library Community Room Use policy needs updating since it was written in 1997..

- Board supports reworking by the library director, to then be submitted for board approval

Discussion Items

Alternatives to the Dewey Decimal System

- Dewey is over 100 years old, and may classify texts according to an outdated perspective
 - Tlingit materials as "fairy tales"
 - Medical materials as "technology"
 - *Under the Banner of Heaven* as "Other Christian denominations"
- Library director proposes that we consider adopting the WordThink system instead

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ WordThink uses categories instead of numbers ○ Used by Petersburg library as well as a growing number of others ● AS, PG initially supportive ● JH wants time to investigate WordThink ● NS: If the school library and a majority of libraries in the state still use Dewey, perhaps we should keep it. ● Board will investigate WordThink and discuss at our next meeting.
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Adjournment	
7:37 p.m.	NS