UNALASKA PUBLIC LIBRARY ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Monday, January 6, 2014 **7:00 PM**

Public Library, Ray Hudson Room

Mission:

The Unalaska Public Library will improve the quality of life in the community it serves by providing access to popular reading materials, and by acting as a gateway to learning and knowledge for children and adults.

I. Call To Order: 7:02 PM

Roll Call: Present; Crane, Thompson, Grande, Anderson, Dickson

Absent: Andersen, Adams

- II. Introduction of Visitors: Dan Masoni, Librarian
- III. Additions or Changes to the Agenda: Masoni was appointed Secretary Pro-Tem.
- IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items: None
- V. Minutes of the November meeting. **Approved unanimously; Anderson/Dickson**
- VI. Librarian's Reports for November and December: **Accepted by Consensus following discussion.**
- VII. Old or Unfinished Business
 - A. Draft Council Request for Action Library Expansion Discussion:

 Masoni outlined fiscal aspects of the State's Public Library Expansion

 Grant Program and possible Rasmuson Foundation participation in the Unalaska project.

VIII. New Business

- A. Calendar Year 2013 Committee Report to the Mayor and Council: Masoni noted that the report is scheduled for either February 11 or February 25, depending on Council Agenda. The Committee requested that Masoni write a draft Report for consideration at its February 3rd meeting.
- IX. Announcements: Noted that Dickson's term is expiring, so he was encouraged to reapply for appointment.
- X. Adjournment: **7:40 PM**

Committee Members and Terms:

Unalaska Public Library -- Daniel Masoni, Librarian Monthly Report January, 2014

Library use in January, 2014 totaled 10,490 patrons who checked out 21,987 items. Three Hundred twenty-two Interlibrary Loan requests were originated by patrons. As of the end of the month 7,663 active library borrowers (who had used their library cards within the last 60 months) had been registered and 204 Reference Questions had been answered.

Online With Libraries statistics are being maintained for the OWL Project Staff. 2,708 OWL computer sessions were initiated during the month of January and 5,496 library patrons exclusively used computer-based resources.

The library recorded 24 hours of volunteer participation in public activity programming by 8 individuals during the month of January.

No major accidents or incidents took place at the library during the month of January.

The library deposited fines and fees totaling \$1,362.65 in January.

Though very busy, the staff began the process of retiring VHS tapes from library collections during the month of January. The much more durable format will be missed, but circulation statistics simply no longer support the shelf space needed to house both DVD and VHS materials.

After reviewing bids, the Library's OWL Internet Circuit will not be expanded in FY15. The State Library/OWL Project had hoped to increase bandwidth from 1.5mbps x 1.5mbps to 3.0mbps x 1.5mbps. Unfortunately, the library Universal Service discount will drop next year from 60% to 50%. The State Library simply can't afford the added expense.

As a measure of Local versus State and Federal support of Internet circuits at the Unalaska Public Library, here are the actual estimated FY15 costs:

Actual Cost: \$75,615

OWL Wired Connections:

OWL Grant: \$24,615 USAC Grant: \$28,800 City Budget: \$4,200

WiFi Circuit:

USAC Grant: \$ 9,000 City Budget: \$ 9,000