

**MATANUSKA-SUSITNA BOROUGH
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Meeting Minutes

**REGULAR MEETING
Willow Public Library and Teams**

**February 11, 2025
1:00 PM**

I. CALL TO ORDER

- A. The Meeting on February 11, 2025 was called to order at 1:00 PM by Chairperson Georgia Knazovich at the Willow Public Library.

II. ROLL CALL – DETERMINATION OF QUORUM

- A. Present were Georgia Knazovich, Kathy Kysar, Chad Scott, Karen Crandall, Mark Spohn, Marty Kincaid, and Virginia Robson. A quorum was present.

III. AGENDA APPROVAL

- A. Agenda was approved with an amendment by Kathy Kysar to move discussion of the Open meetings act and Roberts Rules of order as they apply to the meetings minutes before accepting the previous meetings minutes.

IV. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

- A. The Pledge of Allegiance was made.

V. MINUTES OF THE PRECEDING MEETING

- A. Discussion was had about correcting the previous meeting minutes to reflect Robert's Rules of Order and asking for borough staff to help clarify the issue. Kathy Kysar made a motion to table the discussion until the next meeting. Karen Crandall seconded, and the motion was passed.

VI. BOROUGH STAFF REPORTS

- A. Hugh Leslie – Recreation & Library Services Manager: Mr. Leslie discussed the borough's calendar for public meetings around the valley and advocated for the opportunity to meet with the Assembly to discuss issues. Gave updates on the pre-development plan for Big Lake, the Borough Libraries Strategic Plan meetings and the LCAC.

- B. Julie Mitchell - Willow: Shared updates on Library programs and events like; Tuesday night chess, a local business event, a winter carnival, photo contest.
- C. Cassidy Drake - Big Lake Library: Talked about recent activities including the strategic plan meeting, Pre-K story time, Valentine's themed embroidery class, and a book sale. And upcoming events: high tea and book chat, annual wedding project, lattes and literature, PFD applications, Reading Dragons, and a blind date with a book program.
- D. Zane Treesh - Wasilla: Gave updates on IT projects, building expansions, and their recovery after some temporary flooding in their parking lot due to weather.
- E. Geri Denkewalter - Talkeetna: Shared about their mentor's program, movie story time, book club, the strategic plan meeting, and the bachleor auction. And new programs: unlock the power of your library card, puzzle contest, a senior writing program and the 52nd birthday of the Talkeetna Public Library on March 17th.
- F. Julie Buzby-Sutton: Talked about library programs, such as regular programming, preschool stories, after-school, book club, chess club, common threads, and strong people, home school, youth program hosted community skate night and trivia, and the community garden.
- G. Marita Crosby-Trapper Creek: gave updates on an escape room, holiday cards craft, and the strategic plan meeting.

VII. PERSONS TO BE HEARD/AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION – 3 minutes per person

- A. Marian Charles: Discussed the Willow strategic plan meeting
- B. Melinda Dale: Discussed the Willow strategic plan and Robert's Rules of Order.
- C. Jeanne Troshynski: Discussed Library Board Minutes and the LCAC.
- D. Jackie Goforth: Discussed the American Library Association, the Children's Internet Protection Act, The Supreme Court, the ACLU, and book challenges.
- E. Patti Bills: Discussed activities and staff at the Willow Library.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Borough presentation: Kathy Kysar will be gathering information and taking over the presentation.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Under new business, it was mentioned that issues had been covered by previous

discussions: Minute taking, discussion of a new strategic plan with the committee, and members communicating with the public to get input.

X. ADVOCACY

A. None

XI. CORRESPONDENCE

A. None

XII. MEMBER COMMENTS

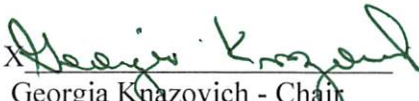
- A. Kathy Kysar discussed Roberts's Rules of Order and meeting minutes.
- B. Marty Kincaid: Discussed member comments etiquette, Artificial Intelligence, the Strategic Plan and national news pertaining to Libraries and culture.
- C. Mark Sphon: Discussed funding for the Rose Group and the Strategic Plan.
- D. Chad Scott: Discussed Robert's Rules of Order and asked for Borough Staff to clarify issues and accusations made about the minutes.

XII. NEXT MEETING

A. March 11, 2025 at Wasilla Library

XIV. ADJOURNMENT

A. Meeting adjourned at 2:11 pm

X 
Georgia Knazovich - Chair

X 4/8/2026
Date

ATTEST:

X 
Sarah Thomas - Staff support

X 4/8/25
Date