

Sitka Alaska Permanent Charitable Trust

Meeting minutes

May 15, 2012

7:00pm – Thad calls meeting to order.

Roll call. Members present: John Holst, Steve Reifentstuhl, Dr. PJ Ford-Slack, Thad Poulson, Stan Filler, Cmdr. Doug Cameron, Ruby Gale

7:03 – Rebecca Himschoot presents the information for a potential Starlab purchase over the next 2 or 3 years.

7:20 Cmdr. Doug Cameron states that he gave each group a percentage of what they asked for.

7:23 – John Holst comments on his allocations. He started with Sitka High School's request and stated that he appreciated their presentation this year. He chose not to fund the Local Food Network or the SHS/BMS collaborative project because they missed the mark. John wanted to support Sitka WhaleFest, Fine Arts Camp and the Summer Music Festival because they both have big impacts on the local economy. John was also in favor of the 3 to 5 Preschool, but thought their application should have focused more on using culture to teach kids, instead of asking for scholarship money.

7:28 – Steve Reifentstuhl thought the Sitka Sound Science Center had done a tremendous job and concurred that the WhaleFest had a tremendous economic impact on the local economy. He also thought that the 3 to 5 Preschool promotes education which is a fundamental starting point in education.

7:32 – Thad Poulson thought that the Sitka High School Science Department was extremely well-run and that their program deserved a lot of support. He also wanted to see the Local Food Network succeed and thought that WhaleFest was the greatest science promoting program for the public. Thad also stated he thought the Fine Arts Camp and the Sitka Summer Music Festival were great programs that served a lot of people and supported the local economy. Thad would like to see the preschools coordinate their resources and how they can make it more affordable to parents. He thought the BMS project was tremendous in that it brought a summer camp like program to the middle school in the darkest part of the year.

7:42 – Dr. PJ Ford-Slack would like to see the Starlab combine with Mt. Edgecumbe and the Sitka School District for a collaborative project purchase. She also wanted Sitka High School's Science program to receive full funding.

7:48 – Stan Filler states that he gave each group a percentage of the award money available.

7:50 – Ruby Gale said she liked to see programs that supported Sitka High School students, like the Fine Arts Camp.

8:03 – Steve moves to moves to take zero out the NATIVE, Inc. award if they are not a 501 C3. Seconded by Doug, all approved.

8:05 Scott Harris tells the board that they can zero out the Sitka Conservation Society award because he cannot continue the program with less than 1/3 funding. Stan moves to zero out their award and award a % of their award to the other groups. John seconds, all approve.

8:17 – John asks that we seek information from the public to create a rubric for next year. It is agreed that the Trust secretary will combine ideas for the rubric and send them to the board members before the next meeting in January.

8:25 – meeting adjourned by Thad.