

LIBRARY BOARD MEETING MINUTES

April 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order by Chair Shaelynn Charvet Bates at 4:35 p.m.

In attendance: **Board:** Debby Ames, Paul Ryan, Shaelynn Charvet Bates, Abe Martinez, Andy Powers, **Sno-Isle:** Valerie Stevens, Sonia Gustafson, **City:** Todd Welch, Kathy Pugh, John Spencer.

Consent Agenda: Minutes for the following meetings were unanimously approved by members present with a motion by Abe Martinez and a second by Paul Ryan: January 21, 2016, October 15, 2015, June 25, 2015, April 16, 2015, January 15, 2015, and October 16, 2014.

Reports:

Managing Librarian-Sonia talked about the Third Grade Reading Challenge. This was the second year in a row that a Lake Stevens school has won the top spot. Sonia also talked about the Early Literacy concert being well attended, the library will be getting a new door, and for the first quarter of the year the Lake Stevens library was eighth highest in total program attendance. Sonia included many interesting items in her report.

Sno-Isle: Valerie Stevens discussed the 16 in '16 Reading Resolution Program, which involves reading at least sixteen books within sixteen different themes as listed on Sno-Isle's website. The themes involve going outside your reading comfort zone. An e-mail address is required to tally points in each theme. The current theme is "Read the Book Before Seeing the Movie". The reader with the most points tallied by December becomes Sno-Isle's Reader of the Year. Details are available on Sno-Isle's website.

Valerie expanded on the Third Grade Reading Challenge. She told us that 42 schools and 192 teams totaling 1300 students participated in the Challenge this year.

Valerie is retiring at the end of April with 34 years of service. She still plans to be involved with libraries in a volunteer capacity working towards a new library for Lake Stevens.

No Committee Reports

City: Todd Welch talked about the city offices moving to a temporary location near Tom Thumb while new quarters are being built. They have outgrown their space. The Police Department plans to build on land near Target-a more central location to serve the city. There are plans for some upgrades to the Community Building such as new carpet and improved heating and cooling.

The city parks are also having some work done, including Lundeen Park with the Chamber of Commerce soon relocating to the building within the park.

Mayor John Spencer has met with Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory. Sno-Isle is looking at some specific sites around Lake Stevens for a new building. The city owned Grade Road property is no longer considered an option for a new library building. The mayor considers a library a “centerpiece of the community” and will keep in contact with Sno-Isle. He considers the current library building inadequate and wants to have a strong relationship between the city and the Library Board. He would like to have a meeting of the Board and the City Council when there is more to discuss. He discussed potential improvements to the library area such as improved lighting and turning off Wi-Fi access during non business hours to discourage “camping out” around the library.

John stated that when/if the library is interested in a particular piece of property and is ready to move forward with a feasibility study that the city would share the cost of the study.

John feels that an August ballot measure should not be ruled out, but would like to avoid the November ballot and the time following that due to “bond fatigue” and the increased number of yes votes needed to pass a bond following a Presidential Election ballot.

Election of Officers:

Elections for the positions of the Chair and Secretary are to be held at the October meeting each year for service for the following year. There was limited discussion about electing new officers due to the absence of several Board members. Shaelyn Charvet Bates and Debby Ames will remain in their current positions as Chair and Secretary, respectively until the October 2016 meeting. The motion for this was made by Paul Ryan and seconded by Abe Martinez. All present were in favor of this arrangement.

Committees:

Building/Facilities Committee: Paul Ryan and Andy Powers volunteered to serve. They will have a walk through with Sonia Gustafson to create a list of areas needing attention. The list will be presented at the July meeting for discussion.

Downtown Citizens Advisory Committee: Sonia is already a participating member of this committee and Board members Andy Powers and Abe Martinez are both interested in serving as well.

Shaelynn recognized several board members for their recent community involvement. Paul Ryan, and Janice Stepp read at various schools and Abe Martinez was involved with the school district bond election.

Review of the By-Laws was tabled until the next meeting. Those members unable to attend the next meeting have the opportunity to e-mail their thoughts to Kathy Pugh who will then share their input with the rest of the Board at the meeting.

There is still a vacant Library Board seat. Sonia will promote the available seat within the library.

A meeting with Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory will be held when there are any new developments to share involving the property search.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:39 p.m.

Next meeting: Thursday, July 21, 2016 at 4:30 p.m.

Submitted by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Debby Ames".

Debby Ames, Secretary