

Lake Stevens Library Board

Meeting Minutes January 21, 2016

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Chair Shaelynn Charvet-Bates.

In attendance: **Board**--- Abe Martinez, Janice Stepp, Shaelynn Charvet-Bates, Andy Powers, Penny Dorsey, Debby Ames, **Sno-Isle**--Valerie Stevens, Sonia Gustafson, **City**—Mary Swenson, **Guests**—Maria Elena and David Tremaine, Paul Ryan.

Paul Ryan is the newest Board member who values Children's programs. Introductions were done around the table. Paul will be officially appointed as a Board member at the February 23, 2016 City Council meeting.

Minutes from the October 15, 2015 Board meeting had previously been approved online by the Board.

Reports:

Sno-Isle—Valerie Stevens spoke about the "Issues That Matter" series. Sno-Isle is seeking input on future topics. Topic ideas can be submitted through Sno-Isle's website or to Sonia.

Beanstack is a new service for children that offers free personalized recommendations of apps, books and events. Materials are tailored to age, reading level and interest. This service is geared to children from birth through Grade Five.

Novelist is a service for older readers that offers suggestions of authors and fiction titles.

Sno-Isle has discontinued subscribing to 3M. 3M was not used much and was not user friendly. Sno-Isle still offers Overdrive.

Sno-Isle, King County, and Seattle Public Libraries have a reciprocal agreement for electronic media. Patrons can download electronic items from the library catalogs.

Camano Island Library is searching for artists for three Permanent Art pieces for their building. The theme is Soap Box Derby for the Children's Room, Pacific Northwest for the Community Room and a Scientific theme for the Reading Room. More information can be found on Sno-Isle's website.

City—Mary Swenson said the city continues to search for sites for city facilities. Mary will be meeting with Jonalyn next week. The city is still interested in working with Sno-Isle for possible joint projects depending on locations. The city has a new mayor and several new council members with many new ideas. The city liaison for the Library Board continues to be Todd Welch. Mary mentioned that she has been through building a new library and new city buildings in prior positions.

Library Manager—Sonia reported on the various programs and activities happening in the library. She mentioned that the Author Next Door event was very successful and Lake Stevens had the highest attendance of all of the libraries that hosted the program. She is working with Ann Dontigny, Lake Stevens Middle School librarian to get cards to the middle school students. She will share online resources with LSMS and other Lake Stevens Schools as three upper level schools in the district have students assigned to chromebooks, as well as chromebooks used in classrooms at the elementaries and high school.

Friends—Sharon Merrick was not present for the meeting. Friends are not having as many formal meetings. Members organized the upstairs storage area. Friends is still looking for a new President.

New Business—

Shaelynn talked about TEDx. She attended the event on November 6th with the “Creating New Futures” theme. Sno-Isle will have videos of the speakers on the website.

Shaelynn met with new mayor John Spencer. Jonalyn and Kendra have looked at four potential sites for the library and are still looking.

Mayor Spencer plans to attend the next Library Board meeting. He does not want the city to be a hindrance to the library moving forward with plans for a new building.

There will be one more interview next week for the vacant Library Board position.

Announcements—The Board honored outgoing Board Member David Tremaine for his long service to the Board and the community of Lake Stevens. David was instrumental in procuring signage around Lake Stevens directing community members to the location of our library.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:50. Next meeting: Thursday, April 21, 2016



Debby Ames, Secretary