

Lake Stevens Library Board

Date: July 20, 2023

The meeting was hosted via Zoom and In Person (Hybrid) and called to order by Abe Martinez at 4:32 PM

In Attendance

Library Board: All members present--Abe Martinez, Shaelynn Charvet Bates, JoAnne Van Leuven, Emily Stainbrook, LeeAnn Balbirona, Melissa Maffeo, Andy Powers, Nancy Joao

Sno-Isle: Antoinette Morales-Tanner and Diane Lai (director of community libraries)

Friends of the Library: none

City: Mary Dickinson, council member and Catlin Weaver, deputy city clerk

Excused Absences: none

Non-Excused Absences: none

Roll Call & Introductions

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes-- The Board approved by unanimous consent the minutes of the April 20, 2023 meeting, with one correction for spelling.

New Business:

The library board has one open seat and one inquirer who will hopefully go forward with the application.

Reports

Friends: Melissa Knaak is out sick this month

Sno Isle: Dianne Lai submitted a report on the library foundation activities which was included in the meeting packet. Highlights include the vision statement study, a voter education initiative and expanding hybrid programs.

Antoinette, the Lake Stevens managing librarian, submitted a report which was included in the meeting packet, and included updates on summer programming and fall offerings. She also shared information on the new library building at Market Place. June 29th will be the first preview of design concepts for the new building. It will be a two-story building, and 16,000 sq ft is planned. All slides from the preview will be available online.

Sno Isle would like community engagement on the design concepts. Construction is beginning in 2024.

City of Lake Stevens: Mary shared that Cascadia, a property developer, will be buying the property adjacent to the new library. She appreciated the board support for appropriate development of this parcel. The City will have a booth at Aquafest next week. Library board members are invited to sign up for a shift to represent the city.

Board Comments

Shaelynn asked how Sno-Isle decides which community events to participate in? Library will have a presence at the community Pride event but not the Health and Wellness fair. Antoinette responded that the library was not invited to participate in the health and wellness fair, but also that staffing events on Sundays is more challenging. The Pride event is on a Saturday.

Melissa M asked if Sno Isle has a way to donate for a specific bequest. Diane responded that Sno Isle is working on a policy for this.

Nancy mentioned that she will be volunteering with the historical society for Aquafest and please stop by.

Emily and Joanne both commented that the slides and new library concept already posted online are great.

Abe expressed his appreciation for the Friends of the Library.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 PM. The next meeting of the Library Board will be October 19, 2023 at 4:30 PM.

*Respectfully submitted,
LeeAnn Balbirona*