

Lake Stevens Library Board

Date: July 18, 2024

The meeting was hosted via Zoom and In Person (Hybrid) and called to order by Abe Martinez at 4:31 pm

Roll Call

In Attendance:

- Library Board: Nancy Joao, Andy Powers Abe Martinez, Shaelynn Charvet Bates, Kevin Gosselin, Emily Stainbrook (online), LeeAnn Balbirona, Melissa Maffeo (online), JoAnne Van Leuven
- Sno-Isle: Antoinette Morales-Tanner, Lake Stevens managing librarian
- City: Caitlin Weaver, deputy city clerk. Absent: Kymm Shipman, in Arizona on business

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes

The Board approved by unanimous consent the minutes of the April 18 2024 meeting as submitted.

New Business

none

Reports

City of Lake Stevens Report:

(Caitlin) Proposals for historical museum design and new city hall design have been received. Information about the Public Works certification recently received by the City is in the July meeting packet submitted ahead of time.

(Shaelynn) Question: Is Kymm Shipman still our city representative? Answer: yes, she is, she is in Arizona today and will try to join remotely.

(LeeAnn) Question: Can you give more information about the potential summer Main Street construction project? Answer: I don't have information about specific projects. Refer to the city website under Main Street Construction.

(Andy): As far as I have seen, nothing is in the works other than the sewer district project.

Friends of the Library: representative not present.

(Shaelynn) I know they are still looking for helpers for the Aquafest book sale. Book sale will be inside the Mill. Sign up Genius link will be sent out.

Sno-Isle Libraries:

(Antoinette) Summer Reading has had many finishers already. Going well. July and August programming highlights: Teen program to grow your own oyster mushrooms and all ages Bike

Clinic on Wednesdays to take advantage of farmer's market foot traffic. See written report submitted in the July meeting packet for additional event information.

Expansion of soft launch for self-service hours underway. Orientation takes about 5 minutes.

New Lake Stevens Library update: Groundbreaking Ceremony will be September 18th at the Chapel Hill property 11:00 am. Everyone is invited. It has been a long time coming. We are in the very final stages of permitting and putting together the construction packet. Another event will be held at the Grade Road library location on September 21st at 2:00 pm. This event will be for the wider community with events for children as well. We will have pictures of the design and Sno-Isle representatives on hand to answer questions about the new library.

(Abe) Question about self service access. Does getting access at Lake Stevens give you access at other locations?

Answer: No, it does not. Each location has its own orientation and set up.

(Shaelynn) Question about interviews for new Sno-Isle executive director. Is it a nationwide search for candidates? Is there any new information? A timeline?

Answer: Initial timeline was July. The process is about halfway through. It is a nationwide search. The board of trustees is still interviewing candidates. The current executive director has agreed to stay past her initial date announced for retirement.

(Melissa) Question about new library completion. Answer: It takes about 12-18 months generally to complete construction of a building this size.

(Abe) Question about the Sno-Isle Reads program for Hollow Kingdom by Kira Jane Buxton.

Answer: Information is still being compiled about program success and associated activities. Our 10 branch library copies were checked out regularly.

(Abe) I read the book somewhat reluctantly and other than some of the language I enjoyed it. It was interesting. I would hope that in the future the choice would be more appropriate for all ages.

Answer: The program was meant for Adult readers, since the children have their own Summer Reading program. I appreciate the feedback.

(LeeAnn) The audiobook won me over even though I was hesitant getting started with it. I really liked it! I hope that next year's event gets more information out there sooner, since they were all over by the time I heard about the book. Answer: That's great. Even a book that a lot of people don't like can create good conversations. I'll get the feedback about more advance marketing back to the team.

(JoAnne) I didn't like the book choice and based on friend's recommendations I didn't read it. I think there are better books out there without bad language that would appeal to more readers,

including teens who might want to read Adult books. I was disappointed in the language and the themes. I didn't think it was appropriate.

(Shaelynn) I know from experience it's hard to pick a book that will appeal to everyone. It doesn't matter which book I pick, someone will not like it. The point is to read a book and have a conversation about it. Even a negative interaction is worthwhile.

Answer: Thank you for the feedback. I will pass that along to the team.

(Abe) I understand the difficulties in finding an author that fits the program and is local as well.

Board comments

(Melissa) I'm so excited and happy to have the new library groundbreaking on my calendar. It's a huge accomplishment for the group. I've been talking up the library to everyone.

(Emily) I second what Melissa is saying.

(Nancy) Nothing to add

(Andy) It's great to see the plans come to fruition.

(Kevin) It's great news and looking forward to seeing you all at the book sale.

(LeeAnn) Reading a lot most recently Tess of the D'Urbervilles

(Shaelynn) Excited for September 18th

(JoAnne) Excited to take my grandson to the new library sometime soon!

(Abe) Hoping to see everyone at the groundbreaking.

Adjournment

Andy motioned to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:07 pm.

Next meeting is: October 17, 2024 at 4:30 pm

*Respectfully submitted by LeeAnn Balbirona
October 6, 2024*