

Lake Stevens Library Board

Meeting Date: January 16, 2025

The meeting was hosted via Zoom and In Person (Hybrid) and called to order by Abe Martinez at 4:30 pm

In Attendance

Library Board: Abe Martinez,
Shaelynn Charvet Bates,
LeeAnn Balbirona,
Nancy Joao,
Kevin Gosselin,

Excused absences: Andy Powers,
Emily Stainbrook.

Absences: JoAnne Van Leuven

Sno-Isle: Antoinette Morales-Tanner, Lake Stevens managing librarian
Friends of the Library: Lynn Allen (online)
City Council: Kym Shipman council member (online)
Caitlin Weaver, deputy city clerk

Administrative business

Approval of Prior Meeting Minutes: The Board approved by unanimous consent the minutes of the October 2024 meeting with corrections.

New Business

Melissa Mofeo has moved out of the area. There is an open seat on the Board.

LeeAnn: Is JoAnne still interested in being on the Library Board? She has missed two meetings. Abe will follow up.

Reports

1. Sno-Isle district updates & Lake Stevens Library Report:

Faber Construction has been selected to build the new library and will begin this month (January 2025). Library staff left door hangers around the new neighborhood to inform residents of the project timeline. If all goes as expected, the grand opening will be Spring 2026.

Antoinette also submitted a written report of recent and upcoming Library activities in the meeting packet

Questions for Antoinette: Discussion about Lake Stevens being a “medium sized” library, how that is determined, and comparable libraries in the district.

2. Friends of the Library update:

Lynn announced that the Friends will be hosting a Fall Auction to raise funds for the children's section of the new library. Suggestions for sponsors, guests, donations, and venue are welcome. We are also looking for an auctioneer.

Questions for the Friends: Kymm commented about Lake Stevens Education Foundation auction procurement strategies.

3. City of Lake Stevens update:

Kymm expressed excitement for the upcoming new library grand opening and invited all to come to upcoming city council meetings.

Questions for the City: Shaelynn asked for an update on the adjoining property to the new library. Councilmember Shipman replied that she will look into it.

Board Comments:

Kevin: no comments

Shaelynn: would like to meet the new executive director Eric Howard perhaps for our next meeting. Antoinette will extend the invitation

Nancy: no comments

LeeAnn: no comments

Abe: Antoinette kindly made Sno Isle brochures in several languages for my work place. Many of them have already been picked up. Thank you and I will be by for more.

Adjournment

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded.

Meeting adjourned at 5:10 pm.

Next meeting is: April 17, 2025 at 4:30 pm

Respectfully submitted April 16, 2025 by LeeAnn Balbirona