

April 23, 2009  
Library Board Meeting

The meeting was called to order at 4:35 p.m. by David Tremaine.

Board members present: Debby Ames, Darren Sylte, Del Schilling, David Tremaine, Gloria Davis, Shaelynn Charvet Bates, Jennifer Davis, Marie King

City Staff present: Jan Berg

Sno-Isle staff present: Chy Ross, Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory, Valerie Stevens

### **Reports**

**City**—Jan Berg reported that the city plans to post the Library Board meeting minutes on the city website after they have been approved and/or corrected by the board.

Work has begun on the Grade Road property. Jan reported that the dirt on the site is very wet. The city is in the waiting process for permits. Jan said she would e-mail a short form of this report to include in the minutes.

**Sno-Isle**—Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory --Library Director gave a comprehensive report on the financial status of Sno-Isle. Ninety five percent of the Sno-Isle budget is based on property taxes which in the past has been a stable source of revenue. Now revenue is flat, but expenditures are increasing. Two choices present themselves: reduce services, or ask voters for a tax increase which is in the form of a levy lift. For the 2009 budget, \$800,000 was transferred from the unrestricted reserve fund to the operating budget, and purchasing of materials and equipment was scaled back. Looking ahead to the 2010 budget, there is a projected 2.5 million dollar shortfall.

Jonalyn will be hosting community meetings to explain Sno-Isle's current and future position. Brainstorming at those meetings will be done by giving some examples of how much money certain cuts could save. Budget shortfalls will certainly be felt by the library users.

Valerie Stevens reported on the community reading of *The Maltese Falcon* and the various activities and events at the libraries.

She also mentioned the Teen Movie Contest with a You Tube link on the Teen page. The challenge is to make a short video movie based on a book that Sno-Isle owns. The winner will receive a camcorder.

A Friends Recognition will be held on Thursday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Holiday Inn in Everett beginning with a coffee/social hour followed by a meeting and program with Samuel Green, WA state Poet Laureate.

**Branch** Chy **Ross** reported on the successful spring break events.

The library shelving now has custom made clips to hold the shelving more securely. Our small library has to constantly balance services vs. public welcoming space. The library staff is experimenting with changing materials and seating areas to see what works.

Friends of the Library's next meeting will be Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup>.

The next Library Board meeting is planned for Thursday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 in the Community Center.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Debby Ames