

Lake Stevens Library Board

Meeting Minutes

April 16, 2015

In attendance: **Board:** Debby Ames, David Tremaine, Penny Dorsey, Shaelynn Charvet Bates, Janice Stepp, Lee Ann Balbirona ,Abe Martinez, Dave Corvin **Sno-Isle:** Valerie Stevens, Branch Manager Miriam Driss, **City:** Todd Welch **Friends:** Sharon Merrick

Lee Ann Balbirona was introduced as the newest Board member.

The January 15, 2015 meeting minutes were approved as presented. Debby will e-mail meeting minutes with a deadline for corrections/approval so that the minutes can be posted.

Reports

Sno-Isle: Valerie Stevens shared the news of extended or reconfigured hours for all community libraries. Lake Stevens received two additional hours—the library is now open until 6:00 Fridays and Saturdays.

The Darrington library held an event on March 21st. The Community Room was dedicated to late retired Librarian Linda McPherson—a victim of the Oso landslide

A new feature on the Sno-Isle website is auto renewal for library materials. This excludes digital items and is not available for blocked accounts. Sno-Isle also added Starwalk-streaming media for children. It features quality literature in ebook format read by well known people. There are fiction and nonfiction titles up to the 8th grade reading level.

Valerie passed out a handout of the ALA Report: State of America's Libraries and the "Top Ten Most Challenged Books in 2014".

City: Todd Welch said he had no updates to report regarding the Grade Road property. Abe Martinez asked about the 2006 proposal document on the city website and asked if that proposal had any bearing on the new project. Todd hoped to have more information regarding that at the next meeting.

Branch Manager Miriam reported that STEM programs continue to be very popular. Storytimes are also growing in popularity. An ASL interpreter is present at toddler storytimes at the request of a family with two hearing impaired children. This is funded by Sno-Isle. Miriam

provided a layout of the current library space. A workspace cubicle will be installed in May to provide a more private space for the library manager.

Lake Stevens has three new staff members: Bryan Stratton, full time Branch Circulation Supervisor, Jeanne Sparks and Sami Abdallah—pages. Bryan may attend the next board meeting.

Friends Sharon Merrick stated that the Friends are gearing up for Aquafest with more information to come at the next meeting. Friends meet the second Monday of the month at 7:00 in the Reading Room.

New Business

Valerie Stevens provided the job description for the Lake Stevens Branch Manager position. The Board named some desired qualities for the position. They included: knowledge of the area, someone skilled at community presentations, awareness of the annual goals of the Library Board, along with participation in an annual evaluation of the Board's goals and objectives. Communication with Board members on a weekly basis was stated, in person, by phone, or by e-mail. Valerie said there have been many applicants both in Washington and beyond.

Valerie informed the group that an architectural firm has been hired by Sno-Isle to conduct a feasibility study of the Grade Road property and provide the approximate cost of building a 17,000 -20,000 square foot library on part of the site. Todd Welch will have some sewer information for the property at the next meeting.

Abe Martinez discussed the Lake Stevens Library Yes campaign with the hope of a May 8th kickoff event and possible November 2015 ballot measure.

Andy Powers was not present to give an update on the window replacement project.

It was decided by consensus to hold the next meeting June 18th, 2015 at 5:00. We hope to meet the new Branch Manager and Bryan Stratton, and discuss Aquafest Book Sale preparations. By that time, it is hoped that more information will be available about a bond measure to build a new library.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:15.

Submitted by Debby Ames, Secretary