

Lake Stevens Library Board
April 19, 2018 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Chair Shaelynn Charvet Bates at 4:30 p.m. with introductions around the table.

Roll Call:

In attendance: Board: Shaelynn Charvet Bates, Debby Ames, Abe Martinez, Penny Dorsey, Andy Powers, Kevin Stone, Paul Ryan; **Sno-Isle:** Sonia Gustafson, Chy Ross, Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory; **Friends:** Melissa Knaak; **City:** Mayor John Spencer, Councilmember Todd Welch

Excused board absences: Janice Stepp, Ann Hilton-Adams

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

Paul Ryan noted that his name had been mistakenly placed in the category of Sno-Isle employees, and should be listed as a board member. Correction was made with no other changes.

Motion by Debra Ames, second by Penny Dorsey, to approve the minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting as corrected. On vote the motion carried (7-0-0-2).

Reports :

Managing Librarian: Sonia Gustafson shared highlights of programs and services provided at the Lake Stevens branch since our last board meeting. Of particular note was the “Issues That Matter” event hosted by Mayor John Spencer. Sonia also provided details of upcoming events. Children’s events continue to be a highlight as they are “very well attended” as are new opportunities for collaborative programming. For example, the LS Chamber of Commerce is particularly interested in two upcoming business classes offered by Anna Rorbough, a past presenter for TEDx.

Sno-Isle Representatives: Chy Ross noted that the Children’s Reading Challenge this year was especially successful and encouraged the board to view a video featured on the Sno-Isle website. He also mentioned that Bonnie Gerken, a Sno-Isle volunteer from Lynnwood, was the recipient of the Washington Governor’s 2018 Volunteer Service Award for Education.

Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory spoke briefly about the April 24th vote on the Sno-Isle levy lift. She also said that any discussion of what might happen since the failure of the bond vote for a new Lake Stevens library would be taken up after the levy vote. At that time more can be discerned about the state of voters within the area.

Facilities Committee: No report with no change, or issues to be addressed.

City: Mayor John Spencer provided an overview of some key projects the city is focused on including road construction, economic development opportunities and the Downtown Subarea Plan. In relation to the Chapel Hill property, he said the city is moving ahead with plans to build the new police station.

On that subject, Shaelynn asked what the plan was with regard to the land purchased by Sno-Isle and that was to be swapped for the city-owned plot on Chapel Hill in the future. Jonalyn stated that Sno-Isle has no plans to sell the property in the future. At the same time, Sno-Isle does not want the issue to be an impediment for the city to move forward with its plans. Mayor Spencer said that further discussions with Sno-Isle will be happening as plans are developed for the new police station.

Friends: Melissa Knaak provided an update on activities since our last meeting. One change is that they will not be hosting a table at the Discover Lake Stevens event. Instead, they will focus attention on a Kids and Teens book sale April 28-29. This came about through a recent donation of thousands of children/teen books and the dedicated work of several volunteers who are making this possible.

Chair: Shaelynn was not able to email updates on pending end-of-terms for board members. She promised to do so in the next few days. We also discussed the possibility of a future vacancy on the board. Shaelynn will make contact with the board member to followup.

New Business: None

Board Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:18.

Next meeting: July 19, 2018 at 4:30

Respectfully submitted,


Abraham Martinez
Secretary