

Lake Stevens Library Board
April 18, 2019 4:30 p.m.

The meeting was called to order by Shaelynn Charvet Bates at 4:32 p.m.

Roll Call:

In Attendance: Board: Shaelynn Charvet Bates, Ann Hilton-Adams, Abe Martinez, Debby Ames; **Sno-Isle Board of Trustees:** Paul Ryan, **Sno-Isle:** Chy Ross, Lindsay Hanson; **Friends:** Melissa Knaak, Mary Dickinson; **City:** Councilman Todd Welch, Mayor John Spencer

Excused board absences: Kevin Stone

Unexcused board absences: Andy Powers

Paul Ryan gave an update of his being chosen to serve on the Sno-Isle Board of Trustees. While this means he will no longer serve on the local library board, our city is now represented at the highest level within the library district.

Approval of prior meeting minutes:

Motion by Debby Ames, second by Ann Hilton-Adams, to approve the minutes of the January 17, 2019 meeting as submitted. On vote the motion carried (4-0-0-2).

Reports:

Managing Librarian: Lindsay Hanson reported on two new hires since January. Jannah Minnix is filling a new role as a shared librarian with the Granite Falls library. Jannah's job is primarily outreach focused on helping students and organizations that serve students and families. Alicia Wilkinson is the new 15-hour Library Assistant.

Lake Stevens' own Hillcrest Elementary "Read Hawks" won Sno-Isle District's Annual Third Grade Reading Challenge with a perfect score.

Melanie, the children's programmer, put on a successful program with the Sarvey Wildlife Care Center at the Boys and Girls Club. This is the first time we haven't had to turn away customers from a program since it was held in the gym at the Boys and Girls Club.

Lake Stevens is hosting a Tween STEAM Club on Fridays (April 12th, May 3rd and May 10th) all at the Boys and Girls Club. This is a system wide initiative and a partnership with the Pacific Science Center.

Sno-Isle Libraries is hosting Issues that Matter programs again this year at a handful of libraries. Themes are centered around the growing population of our region. For more information visit: <https://www.sno-isle.org/issues-that-matter>.

Sno-Isle's new Executive Director Lois Langer Thompson has met with both Shaelynn and Mayor Spencer about the future of the Lake Stevens Library. Right now all of the options are still on the table, but active discussions have begun.

Sno-Isle Libraries Deputy Director Kendra Trachta is leaving Sno-Isle. Her last day will be Friday April 26th.

Friends: Melissa Knaak provided information about increased memberships in the Friends group which is now at 40. Additionally, the Friends are partnering with Lake Stevens Education Foundation on the Eric Ode "Literacy Concert" on April 26th, and they will have a booth at the city Health and Safety Fair. Plans for the Kids' and Teens' book sale were cancelled as it was determined that this would cut into the supply of books needed for Aquafest.

City: Mayor Spencer provided information about the North Cove Park expansion and how it may be affecting the library building in the coming months. He also spoke about his meeting with Lois Langer Thompson and was encouraged that she is open to a variety of ideas for a new library location going forward.

New Business:

Shaelynn discussed the three current vacancies on the board. She encouraged members to continue to recruit.

Board Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:10.

Next meeting: July 18, 2019

Respectfully submitted,


Abraham Martinez
Secretary