

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

The meeting was called to order by Shaelynn Charvet Bates at 4:35 p.m.

Roll Call:

In Attendance: Board: Shaelynn Charvet Bates, Abe Martinez, Andy Powers, Debby Ames;
Sno-Isle: Chy Ross, Lindsay Hanson; **Friends:** Melissa Knaak, **City:** Councilman Todd Welch

Excused board absences: None

Unexcused board absences: Ann Hilton-Adams, Kevin Stone

Approval of April 18, 2019 Meeting Minutes: Due to a lack of a quorum the minutes were not voted.

Reports

Managing Librarian: Lindsay Hanson reported that Sno-Isle and the City of Lake Stevens are continuing to explore options for the future location of the Library.

She also gave updates on several programs. Of particular note were the story time and *Reading with Rover* for young children, both of which include children from Kid's Way Daycare. Another partnership is with the Boys and Girls Club which hosts summer reading programs twice a week.

Lindsay, together with Sno-Isle District Manager, Chy Ross, reported on the installation of new computer and print management software. In addition, the Lake Stevens library is getting all new computers with public PCs moved above the desk to improve access.

Lindsay also share some library statistics. In particular note the rise in use of digital resources that more than offset the decrease in physical items.

- 67,805 items checked out this year (3% decrease from last year)
- 35,374 holds placed this year (2% decrease from last year)
- 43,908 visits to the library this year (11.5% decrease from last year)
 - June has been our busiest month this year!
- 1,765,049 digital items have circulated from OverDrive this year across Sno-Isle (**27% increase from last year**)

Friends: Melissa Knaak provided information about several successes so far this year including the sign-up of 105 children for the summer reading program at the Health and Safety Fair, planning for Aquafest and creative thinking on finances. This year the group should earn more through higher yields of certificates of deposit.

City: Todd Welch provided information about the North Cove Park expansion. He also spoke about ideas for a new library location going forward including the possibility of repurposing the

current police station once it is empty. Both he and Sno-Isle representatives in attendance stress the fact that there is much more to be discussed and decided.

New Business:

Shaelynn discussed the three continued vacancies on the board. There are some possible nominees, but she encouraged members to continue to recruit.

She also asked about facilities issues. Lindsay told us that so far there have been none of note and that, unlike last summer, there have been no closures necessary due to the heat and lack of air conditioning. Currently the board does not have a standing facilities committee. Shaelynn asked that the board be kept informed should we need to reform that committee to make recommendations to the city in the future.

Board Comments: None

The meeting was adjourned at 5:23 p.m.

Next meeting: October 17, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

Abraham Martinez
Secretary