

Minutes of Library Board Meeting – June 29th, 2016:

Minutes for May 25th 2016 meeting were read/approved.

Bills for end of June are due Tuesday, July 5th.

The latest Library Contract Negotiation was held on June 6th. Discussions were cordial; no decisions were formalized by participants. The Central Skagit Library will need to discuss some of the options mentioned at their next Board meeting. No new meetings are currently scheduled.

The Library Design meeting was held on June 15th. Discussions were mainly on what the architectural team would be doing next – including public input meetings; shareholder meetings; input from library staff and Board, etc. What types of questions need to be answered before proceeding; how many potential sites might be seriously considered; what might be the potential costs for desired outcomes; where might a design workshop be held to accommodate as many community members as possible. No new meetings are currently scheduled.

The next Book & Movie Night is Thursday, July 21st. It will be a viewer's choice for a vintage mystery. The potluck begins at 5:30 pm, and the movie will start shortly thereafter.

Summer Reading was launched – both the Reading and the Events. First up was Brian Ledbetter, Magician. Attendance was robust at the opening program (all held in the Community Center). Reading sign-ups are progressing nicely with 3 distinct programs: one for babies & toddlers; a second for K-Grade 6; and the third for teens. We also have a tween Discovery Club running during the summer with STEAM activities; and a new Teen Art Club is also starting.

The future meeting venue for Board meetings was discussed. Mrs. Burke proposed, and Mr. Abrams 2nd that the meetings will be moved to City Hall on the last Wednesday of the month beginning at 5:00 pm. Vote was unanimous to move for the foreseeable future. It should be noted that the City Council meets at 7 pm on the 2nd & 4th Wednesdays of the month, so Board meetings must end in a timely fashion, and not interfere with the Council requirements.

The Summer meeting of the WA Library Directors will be held July 6th – 8th @ Dumas Bay; The Librarian will be attending. Details forthcoming at the July Board meeting.

The City Council will be hosting an open public forum to discuss the City Library's situation on Monday, July 25th, @ 5:30 pm @ City Hall. It is hoped that Board members will attend too.

Please to note the new Lobby is finished, and much appreciated; there is a new tile floor in the Public Bathroom; new paint on the wall next to the computers; and 2 new reading chairs.

Library staff requested permission to be in the 4th of July parade – so keep an eye out for them.

The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 29th, 5:00 pm @ City Hall.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Resetar, Mrs. Ringhouse, Mr. Abrams

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