

## Minutes of Library Board Meeting – September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2016:

Minutes for August 31<sup>st</sup> 2016 meeting were read/approved – with the addition to the minutes about potential representation on the Central Library Board. The City is requesting 2 City residents be put on the Central Skagit Board (representing the 10,700 residents in addition to the 15,000 CSL residents), as part of the proposed agreement.

Bills for end of September are due Tuesday, October 4<sup>th</sup>.

Library Negotiations are currently on hold. The Mayor has said that several of the ultimatums are unacceptable to the City. He has requested final verification that those ultimatums are indeed their lines in the sand, and as such are non-negotiable. The Central Skagit Library is planning to hold a future Library Retreat, and a future Library Board Meeting to discuss. One of the ultimatums was accepted – that of possibly continuing employment of current City Library employees. The others are problematic to the City, i.e. that the City will not have input on the location of a new facility; on the potential size of a new facility; on the services offered, nor design of a new facility; and the eventual composition of the combined Central Library Board. The Librarian was instructed to ask the WA State Library for a clarification regarding a puzzling statement regarding the composition of residency of members of a Library District Board.

The 2017 Budget has been submitted to the City; and will now await the City Council's approval later in November.

The next Book Night (no Movie) is Thursday, October 13<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 pm. It will be a live author talk with local author Gail Noble-Sanderson, and her newly published book "Lavender House in Meuse". This is a work of fiction set in WW I France. All are welcome to attend.

The Skagit Reads Project with "I am Malala" continues in October with a full slate of talks, book reviews, and events. The schedule is listed on the poster and on the website. Books are available in the public libraries of Skagit County while supplies last. Our copies were generously donated to us, for public distribution, by our Friends of the S-W Library.

If anyone comes in the Library, please note the new furnishings and paint. Staff have worked hard to reconfigure space in the Library to make it more functional and welcoming. The new blue/green chairs were an incredible find by staff member Chris Hunter. They were found at the Habitat for Humanity Store in Mount Vernon. They are very well-made chairs in excellent condition, donated from a local health facility (who redecorated). The Librarian went over in a truck and brought back all six chairs for a grand total of \$5 each, plus tax. We only wish that they had more! The two new blue club chairs are a gift from the estate of a former patron.

Too late for agenda materials, we just received word this morning that we would get well over \$9,000 for books & materials from the annual allotment from the Skagit County Commissioners. This interlocal agreement is from the County to help supplement the use by non-residents of the municipal libraries (card fees don't cover the entire cost of the service). We did well last year.

The Library sponsored a local author Book Talk on Tuesday, September 20<sup>th</sup>. The Author was from Anacortes, Joe Vitovec – and his Book is "Full Circle". The novel is semi-autobiographical, and takes place in the ruins of post-WWII Europe. We had a small group attend, but the talk and the photos were fascinating. The talk began at 6:30, and the discussion didn't end until nearly 9:00 pm. Everyone very much enjoyed the presentation.

The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 pm @ City Hall.

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

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