

## Minutes of Library Board Meeting – February 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015:

Minutes for January 27<sup>th</sup> 2016 meeting were read/approved. 2015/16 City financials are delayed.

Bills for end of February are due Tuesday, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

There has been a plethora of comments, ideas, speculations, etc. concerning the Mayor's proposal for deleting the City Library, and turning over operations and collections to the Central Skagit Library District. There have been consistent reports and comments given at the City Council meetings, and letters to the editor in the Skagit Valley Herald. The issues at stake remain the same - no City representation on the "new" Board; no plan for any projected cost overruns (a new building of sufficient size is going to cost in the realm of 8 million dollars - of which the councilmatic bond is currently being offered at 4 to 5 million dollars max); and no skin in the game for the cost of the projected building itself, on the part of the Central Skagit LD.

The next Book & Movie Night is Thursday, February 25<sup>th</sup>. It will be "The Theory of Everything", (a biography of Stephen Hawking). The potluck starts at 5:30 pm, & the movie starts shortly after. This showing was postponed from January (and from February 18<sup>th</sup>).

One of our long-time (and favorite) Library patrons, Imogene Geiger, died in December 2015, and she has remembered the Library in her will. She donated \$2,000 to the Library. A thank-you card has gone to the family. The money will be used for books, and for several comfortable chairs for the public areas.

The Robotics Training offered by the WA State Library was a lot of fun, with the Librarian actually successfully assembling and coding a robot. The kits will eventually be offered to public libraries for a period of approx. a month to use in working with the public. The Librarian would like to host the kits for elementary age children, plus maybe a session for adults who might be curious about coding and robots.

The City Council is expected to choose a building contractor sometime in March for repairs to the front door (the bids are out, but will need to be officially awarded during a City Council session). Projected repairs should take 2 to 3 weeks.

The annual Connections Conference (which the Librarian has helped with for the past 7 years) will take place Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> at Skagit Valley College. This is an excellent event for early learning - both the Librarian, and Allia Allen, the new Youth Specialist will be attending.

This Library is coordinating all of the Summer Reading events for this summer, for both the City Library, and the Central Skagit Library District. All of the shared events will be held at the Community Center.

The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, March 30<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 pm.

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

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