

Minutes of Library Board Meeting – May 25th, 2016:

Minutes for April 27th 2016 meeting were read/approved.

Bills for end of May are due Tuesday, May 31st.

The library discussions are still very much on the minds of patrons and residents. There was much discussion between the Board members, & tonight's guests: Mayor Wagoner and City Supervisor Berg, and several members of the public. There is a great deal of concern over local control, financing, the fate of both the book collection and City staff, and the location and size of a new building. There was no vote and no consensus formed – just a robust discussion of ideas.

The next Library Contract negotiation meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, May 31st.

The next Book & Movie Night is Thursday, June 16th. It will be a modern Western, "Silverado". The potluck begins at 5:30 pm, and the movie will start at approx. 6:00 pm.

Summer Reading is set to go, and will start with Sylvia Trask and a Dance class on June 15th. Sign-ups will begin on June 13th. The S-W Library is sharing costs and location with the Central Skagit Rural Partial Library District. The S-W Library will pay for half of the performers, and the Central Skagit Library will pay for half. The Friends of the Skagit Library will pay for the ending performance (Puppet show). All events are held at the Community Center. The younger children will have a final prize raffle of a bike; the older teens have a raffle for an Amazon gift card. In addition to the Reading Program and the events – we will also be running our weekly Discovery Club (Science activities) for tweens; and new this year is a bi-weekly Teen Art event. All events are free and open to everyone (Discovery Club & Teen Art do ask for a sign-up – so we know how much materials are needed).

Official Library negotiations will continue on May 9th between the District and the City. The Librarian and Mrs. Burke are the City representatives (along with the Mayor & Mr. Berg).

City Supervisor Berg has reminded the Librarian that all Library Board members need to have the WA State Library video webinar on WA State Regulations (i.e. Open Meeting Act) and other Board requirements. All present Board members have taken the course in person, Ms. Resetar will need to watch the course soon. The Librarian will locate the website details and forward them to her.

The Mayor & Supervisor Berg are recommending that the Library Board move their monthly meeting location to City Hall. City Hall is equipped with recording apparatus as well as visual. The timing will be a bit tricky since the Board meets at 5:00 pm on Wednesdays, and often the City Council will meet immediately after that, in the Chambers, at 7:00 pm (there is occasionally a public hearing proceeding the Council meeting).

The City Council will be potentially discussing the Library situation at tonight's meeting, which will be held at 7:00 pm.

The next Library Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 25th at 5:00 pm.

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

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