

Minutes of Library Board Meeting – December 28th, 2016:

Minutes for November 30th 2016 meeting were read/approved. Meeting was recorded with a new microphone and laptop set-up.

Bills for first of December are due Tuesday, January 3rd. (There will be a 2nd payable for 2016 @ the City Council meeting to be held on January 25th – which will then closeout 2016).

Library negotiations are on stand-by awaiting the formation of public hearings on the part of the City and the Central Skagit Library. The Sedro-Woolley City Forum for the Library will be held late afternoon on Friday, February 24th (location TBD – but assuming it will be held at City Hall).

The Author Talk held at the Library on December 1st had an excellent turnout – some 35+ in attendance. It was a very interesting presentation on what it takes to get published, how long editing and illustrating takes, how to promote one's works, self-publishing, and many other factors for a prospective author.

Our Frozen Storytime Party for our preschoolers was held Tuesday morning @ 11 am on December 13th. The Friends paid for a professional Princess Elsa to come. We had more than 40 children and 25 adults attend, do crafts, play games, eat treats, and get pictures taken with Elsa. We have photos of the event on the Library website.

The twice yearly WA Library Director's Meeting will be held January 18th thru the 20th @ Dumas Bay (Federal Way). Interesting things are scheduled and discussed at these meetings, which are always jam-packed. A report will be given at the next Board meeting.

The Librarian is applying for 2 small grants in STEM – one for an adult Science Book Discussion series, and one for a Tween STEM/NW Birding Kit. The Librarian is currently not applying for lengthy grants, due to uncertainty of this Library's status.

The City is hosting a workshop for City Council members; Library Board members; Planning Commission members on Robert's Rules of Order & meeting rules under the RCW of WA. The Mayor is requesting Board members to attend on Wednesday, February 22nd at City Hall. Dinner will be provided for attendees, and RSVP is required. The scheduled February Library Board meeting will have to be either changed, or cancelled. The Librarian will ask for clarification at January's meeting.

The 2nd annual Skagit Film Festival starts on January 19th @ the Lincoln Theatre. There is a great lineup of documentaries offered on each Thursday through February. The bookmark schedule was passed out in Board packets. Films are free (but donations of \$5 are allowed).

A big thanks to retiring Board members, Dagni Cole and Beverly Ringhouse for their 10 years each of service. And a welcome to incoming Board members Ms. Macomber & Dr. Howland.

Please note extra materials in Board packets – some things printed from the Secretary of State's website for Library Trustees, and Meeting Requirements. Also a web address for additional Trustee trainings that are online from the WA SOS.

Next Board meeting will be held Wednesday, January 25th @ 5:00 pm @ the Library.

Board Members Present: Mrs. Burke, Mrs. Cole, Mrs. Ringhouse, Mr. Abrams. Also in attendance were the incoming Board members – Ms. Macomber and Dr. Howland.

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