

Langley Library Board
March 15, 2016 Minutes
Langley City Hall 4:00 pm

In attendance

Members: Joann Hamick Quintana, Chair; Marty Beert, Vice Chair; Kim Drury, Secretary; Karen Loram; David Davis; Langley Councilmember Thomas Gill.

Also attending: Vicky Welfare, Langley Library Manager; Becky Bolte, Sno-Isle Libraries District Manager; Marti Anamosa, Vice-President, Sno-Isle Libraries Board of Trustees; Claire Creighton, Chair, Friends of Langley Library

Public comments

None

Old business

Minutes of the December 8, 2015 meeting were approved as submitted.

New business

Library Board meeting date

- Following discussion, Marty moved to amend the by-laws to state that the Board will meet the first Tuesday of the last month of each quarter; Kim seconded. Motion passed.
- Thomas will ask the City to update its website to include the meeting date.

Power outages, keeping the library open

- Following discussion, Marty made a motion for Kim and Joann to send a brief message to Mayor Tim Callison and Public Works Director Stan Berryman requesting an update on City plans for reliable back up power for the library; motion seconded by Karen; motion approved.

New Langley mayor

- Joann and Marty are scheduling a meeting with Mayor Callison to acquaint him with the role of the Library Board and discuss any issues or questions he may have. Joann asked members to let her know what items to cover. It was noted that the Sno-Isle Libraries Director, Jonalyn Woolf-Ivory, has had an introductory meeting with the new mayor.

Introductions

- Each of the Board members introduced themselves including brief background descriptions, followed by introductions by others attending the meeting.

Facilities planning update

- Marti noted that the 2025 Sno-Isle Libraries Facilities Plan is due to be adopted by the Libraries in April 2016 and that, during the public input process in 2015, there was no groundswell of interest in a new Langley facility. Generally, the input from South Whidbey was that people liked having three nearby facilities (as opposed to a larger central facility) although there was some input supporting

larger facilities in Clinton. In contrast, there are five areas in the Sno-Isle region that need new or expanded facilities. Becky distributed a four-page handout that summarized the 2025 facilities plan.

- Joann reiterated her interest in ensuring that the library facility meet the library's programming needs. Vicky noted that, generally, staff and patrons are happy with the facility and that is working effectively; the wheeled shelving carts purchased by the Friends of Langley Library allow the room to be reconfigured for presentations, nearly making up for the lack of a meeting room, which, in optimal circumstances, would be desirable. The discussion concluded with a reminder that the Board has adopted a maintenance and capital plan and that the primary outstanding issue is a lack of parking for which there is currently no solution.

Friends of Langley Library update

- Clair reported that the Friends have rewritten their by-laws and that their goal is to increase membership. The Friends are hosting a community party on May 18 at Useless Bay Coffee to increase awareness of the Friends, and so that, over the long term, contributions will increase.

Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series

- Kim reported that the Sno-Isle Libraries Foundation is launching the first annual Trudy Sundberg Lecture Series with presentations by journalist and author Hedrick Smith titled "Who Stole the American Dream?" that will be held in Oak Harbor, Langley and Coupeville on May 6 and May 7.

Langley Library Manager Report

- Vicky reported on highlights of the last quarter (report attached) including: overall, pretty steady patronage trends; Mystery Weekend brought in a record 1322 visitors and raised \$500 in book sales for the Friends of Langley Library. She also encouraged members to attend one of the Third Grade Reading Challenge events during March. This is the fourth year South Whidbey Elementary School is participating in the event.
- Sno-Isles Libraries and City staff are evaluating a "white noise" system to help address interior noise complaints.
- Vicky will present 2015 annual report at next Board meeting which includes items that impact the facility and how it is functioning.
- Joann will clarify the 2016 dates for the Board to meet with the Mayor and/or Council.

Sno-Isle District Manager Report

- Becky distributed handouts on the many Whidbey Reads events in April and the Camano friends "Call to Artists" to ask local artists to submit proposals.
- Becky encouraged members to check out the TEDx videos on Sno-Isle's website and to plan on attending the next TedX event on November 18.

Meeting adjourned at 6:00 pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 7, 2016 at 4:00 pm

