

**Library Advisory Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Puyallup Public Library**  
**March 17, 2014**  
**6:15 p.m.**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair Troy Kehm-Goins, Vice-Chair Darice Hermann, Boardmembers Dee Henry and Heidi Borton

**NOT PRESENT:** Boardmember Barbara Kastama

**STAFF PRESENT:** Library Director Dr. Tim Wadham, Administrative Clerk Cindy Huff

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Chair Kehm-Goins opened the floor for nominations for the position of chair and vice-chair.

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Henry and second by Ms. Borton, to nominate Troy Kehm-Goins and Darice Hermann to a second year-term as chair and vice-chair. The motion passed 4-0.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT**

Dr. Wadham reviewed the March *Library Director's Report*, elaborating on his activities and meetings as follows: an update on the installation of the self-check machines and automated materials handlers; a meeting with MultiCare regarding the Library's partnership with the "Ready, Set, Go! 5-2-1-0 Children's Health Initiative;" meetings with local hoteliers regarding promoting the Book Festival to attract people from outside of a 50-mile radius; a meeting with Shaun Broback, owner of Crockett's Public House and Trackside Pizza, regarding donations and a partnership with the Library; the partnership with the Puyallup School District (PSD) for an after-school literacy enrichment program; and his attendance at the Puyallup/Sumner Chamber of Commerce Education Summit. He announced that the Microsoft IT Academy is now live on the Library website.

Dr. Wadham pointed out that the Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) project and all RFID technology related changes will happen simultaneously. From the information he has received, the system is expected to go live the week of April 28. He informed the board of a need to schedule a staff training day. Ms. Henry proposed scheduling the training for a Thursday or Friday, due to the shortened hours offered on those days; Dr. Wadham agreed with the suggestion.

In regards to the J.A. Jance author program, Dr. Wadham thanked Ms. Hermann for her help cleaning up after the event. This was the first time staff has experimented with ticketing, and he reported that of the 120 tickets distributed, 90 were turned in and total attendance was at 145 (no one was turned away). He pointed out that he was exploring an option to acquire more chairs, as there were not enough chairs to accommodate the number of attendees at the event. He

believed the Library to have found a niche hosting authored events, and Dr. Wadham stressed that the facility must be able to accommodate those events effortlessly.

Dr. Wadham noted that he has met with Kent Hojem and advised of his possible attendance at a Washington State (Puyallup) Fair board meeting, with the intent to collaborate with respect to the Book Festival. He added that the Fair may be able to provide space for larger events.

Dr. Wadham also updated the board regarding the Suzanne Vega event. Due to unforeseen circumstances, this event has been tentatively moved to February 13, 2015 and will become a part of the Library Foundation's fundraiser event. He also reported that he received the paperwork from the IRS with instructions about the additional information needed by them to reinstate the Library Foundation's status as a non-profit organization.

Dr. Wadham pointed out that plans for the Book Festival are still tentative and subject to change. He elaborated on his idea of a Woodstock theme that would include Jordan Sonnenblick, the author of *Are You Experienced?*, Mark Parsons, author of *Road Rash*, and drummer Michael Shrieve (Santana's drummer at Woodstock). He announced that the Experience Music Project in Seattle has confirmed their support and they have offered some passes to their venue.

There was discussion on current library happenings, marketing events, and how best to disseminate information to the community.

### **FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY REPORT**

Dr. Wadham reported that the Friends of the Library will meet on Thursday, at which time he anticipated the group nominating a new representative to the Library Board.

Mr. Brandon Scott, a new Puyallup resident, introduced himself and spoke of his recent relocation from Atlanta, Georgia. He voiced his enjoyment for the amenities freely offered by the Puyallup Library.

### **LIBRARY FOUNDATION REPORT**

Dr. Wadham reported on the results of the Library Foundation's March meeting. He identified the Foundation's choice of a Technology Lab/ Makerspace as their fundraising focus. Dr. Wadham explained that he will create a presentation to include a visual of what the space will look like, anticipated renovation estimates and how much the Foundation is willing to spend. He noted his efforts in continuing to try to reach Microsoft, but pointed out that Apple has agreed to meet with him and they may be more receptive to a sponsorship.

In response to a question, Dr. Wadham explained that the space he had in mind for the technology lab is the area on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor near the magazines/fireplace. He voiced a need to be prepared as there may be some community concerns voiced over the removal of the fireplace.

There was discussion regarding how many people use the space, having staff monitor and record usage statistics to validate the changes, and if additional staff would be necessary to monitor the

new space. Dr. Wadham pointed out that the techno lab would be an enclosed, supervised space and suggested that the use of volunteers would be helpful. In regards to funding, he pointed out that no city funds should be used. He believed that the lab will be a boon to the community in terms of access to newer technology not otherwise available.

**BOARD MEMBER COMMENTS**

Ms. Hermann explained that she is reading a *Sammy Keyes* book and finding it highly entertaining.

Dr. Wadham voiced belief that the Wendelin Van Draanen event will be special and Ms. Henry voiced her excitement about the visit. It was noted that Ms. Van Draanen's is a prolific author, whose output includes 18 *Sammy Keyes* mysteries.

**ADJOURNMENT**--7:07 p.m.