

**City of Puyallup  
Library Board Minutes  
November 16, 2015  
6:15 p.m.**

(These minutes are not verbatim. The meeting was recorded, and copies of the recording are retained for a period of six years from the date of the meeting and are available upon request).

**Boardmembers Present:** Chair Darice Hermann; Vice Chair Dee Dee Henry; Boardmembers Jee Hamburg, Al Rose and Sharon Shaw; and Friends of the Library Liaison Neil Warren

**Staff Present:** Interim Library Director Tom Joselyn and Administrative Clerk Tulika Makharia

**Board Action:** A motion was made by Ms. Dee Dee Henry, second by Ms. Jee Hamburg to approve the minutes of September 28, 2015 with amendments. The motion passed 5-0.

**Library Director's Report**

Interim Library Director Tom Joselyn gave a brief introduction to his career and public library experience. He provided updates on the Library Services Director position; the Bricks and Books Tiles program; the library carpeting project; and library use statistics for the Puyallup Library.

Ms. Henry volunteered to work with Mr. Joselyn and systemize the overdue Bricks and Books Tiles orders.

**Friends of the Library Report**

Mr. Warren spoke about the Friends of Library's brochure revision project. He briefed board members on proceeds from the antique and collectible book sale; plans for the upcoming holiday cookbook sale; and changes in the organization's leadership in January 2016.

**Library Foundation Report**

Ms. Henry said that the Foundation had postponed its next meeting to February 2016 due to the lack of fresh vision and ideas. She noted that City Manager Kevin Yamamoto had offered to temporarily chair the Foundation's next meeting but she hoped that a Foundation member would volunteer for the chairperson position soon.

Ms. Henry reported on the proceeds from the Festival of Books and LTAC funding for the event allocated by the city. She discussed the Festival of Books' low attendance figures and the Foundation's frustration with the unsatisfactory efforts of the marketing firm hired to promote the event.

Ms. Henry stated that the Foundation had decided not to host the Festival of Books next year and instead apply for LTAC funding for 2017.

A discussion ensued between board members about the successes and failures of the Festival of Books.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Board members discussed their preferences about the Puyallup Historical Society's (PHS) display case in the library lobby and decided to return it to the PHS.

### **Board Member Comments**

Ms. Henry emphasized that while the Festival of Books was funded and supported by the city, the event must be spearheaded by the Library Services Director and the library itself. She discussed the multiplicity of Festival events, event timing, and causes of poor attendance.

Mr. Rose raised questions about the vision behind the Festival of Books and how it fit with the goal of creating an excellent library. He recommended revisiting the library's strategic plan and focusing on activities and services that align with the evolving needs of library patrons.

Ms. Hermann explained that the purpose of the Festival was to raise money for the MakerSpace and increase visibility for the city and the library. She discussed the Kirby Larson event and the benefits of the library's partnership with the Puyallup School District.

In response to a suggestion for creating a strategic plan for the library, Mr. Warren recalled attending a day-long strategic plan event involving library staff, councilmembers and the community, last year.

Ms. Hamburg stated that in addition to providing services for patrons' needs, the library must also challenge their needs and present them with new opportunities such as author events.

**Adjournment** – 7:42 p.m.