

1 **CONTINUATION OF THE REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING OF THE**
2 **SAN JUAN ISLAND LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**
3 **Combined Meeting of Boards of Trustees**
4 **Lopez Island Library District, Orcas Island Library District,**
5 **and San Juan Island Library District**

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7 Conference Room, San Juan Island Public Library
8 August 10, 2005
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10 **Attendees:** Richard Civile (President, SJILD), Ann Behan (Lopez), Pierrette Guimond
11 (Orcas), Ruth Offen (San Juan), Karen Rogers (Lopez), Shannon Sword (Youth
12 Services Librarian, San Juan), Lauren Stara (Director, San Juan), Aimee Hirschel
13 (Director, Lopez), Lynn Richards (Orcas), Tom Metke (San Juan), John Ashenurst
14 (Orcas), Phil Heikkinen (Director, Orcas), and Chase Riveland (President, OILD).
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16 Richard convened the meeting at 11:40 am. Attendees introduced themselves and ate
17 lunch provided by SJILD.
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19 Lauren gave a tour of the recently remodeled building.
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21 Tom talked about research into alternative approaches for providing health insurance to
22 staff and families, faced with rapidly rising costs, currently about 20% annually. He said
23 that San Juan was considering a Health Savings Account option, the Regence Blue
24 Shield HSA Qualified Preferred Plan, which could provide comparable insurance to
25 existing health plans, with the following differences: higher deductibles, lower premiums,
26 and the ability to keep contributions in an account the enrolled member would own and
27 that would roll over from year to year. The member could choose from among different
28 options with varying deductibles and costs. Currently, SJILD covers 1/3 of the cost of
29 employee and dependents, for a total of about \$35k this year for seven staff members.
30 Tom distributed copies of the plan details to the meeting attendees.
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32 Lauren shared copies of the new San Juan Island Friends of the Library agreement with
33 SJILD. She liked that it was concise and flexible. Attendees discussed the process and
34 the document itself.
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36 Aimee shared news from Lopez. Their website has been active for about six months,
37 focusing on community links. They are working on implementing an online system,
38 which is under development by Willem Scholten under the corporate name Learning
39 Access Institutional Systems, or LAIS. He worked formerly for the Gates Foundation in
40 charge of tech support for the library grant project. The system is Linux-based, and is
41 costing about \$5000 initially. The Library is working on developing a patron database in
42 preparation for issuing library cards.
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44 Phil talked about the Orcas Library's new long-range plan, developed through a
45 community-based process involving three meetings. The Board approved the plan in
46 June. He also talked about the project to expand the staff work area. After a lack of
47 response to the first bid process, a second bid process will culminate in a bid opening at
48 2 pm on August 24. The annual Library Fair was scheduled from 10 to 4 pm on August
49 13 at the Eastsound Village Green.

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Richard introduced the topic of resource sharing, suggesting the possibility of creating a joint project within the next six to eight months among the three library districts that would benefit each of them and demonstrate some of the possibilities for cooperation. Attendees discussed such topics as sharing staff resources (tech support, for example), electronic resources such as databases, job exchanges or visits among staff, training days, and rotating collections of one or more formats. The idea of setting up a committee to explore the options came up, though was not acted on officially.

The meeting was adjourned at 1 pm.

Respectfully submitted: _____
Board Secretary

Approved: _____
Board President