

**SAN JUAN ISLAND LIBRARY DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES
SPECIAL MEETING**

Field Trip: Lopez Island Library
August 17, 2015

Members Present: Fred Henley, Glenna Hall, Barry Jacobson, Mark Madsen, Lynn Weber/Roochvarg

Staff Present: Laurie Orton

Visitors Present: None

Call to Order: Lynn Weber/Roochvarg called the meeting to order at 8:50 am.

Public Access: None

Purpose of Meeting

In support of the Board's review and evaluation of the Library's current building, the Board is visiting four area libraries of similar size to view facilities and discuss with the Library Directors their facilities and related issues.

Visit to the Lopez Island Library

The visit was hosted by Lopez Island Library Director Lou Pray and included a guided tour of the building and grounds.

Discussions focused on the history of the physical facility, its significance for the community, types of services and use of the building. Ms. Pray provided data on facility size, community demographics and characteristics, Library usage, programming issues related to the facility, and technology in the Library. Other comments touched on the activities of the Friends of the Lopez Island Library, art exhibits in the Library and the nature of the Library Board of Trustees. Ms. Pray offered her brief "Wish List:" a full or part-time IT staff member, development of more programming (the community has no performance space or movie theatre, so cultural/entertainment opportunities are limited), individual carrels, improved service for residents on the south end of the island (Bookmobile? Library truck? Sub-station library?), and more flexible space.

The meeting was suspended for a break at 11:30 am.

The meeting resumed at 12:15 pm.

Board Discussion

The Board noted some very positive aspects of the Lopez Island Library building including the abundance of light from large windows and the tall ceilings that help open up the feel of the building despite the fully occupied floor spaces. Lack of meeting space requires the Library to provide almost all programming in venues outside the Library. Staff workspace is crowded. No further expansion of the

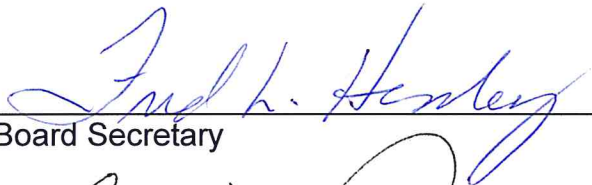
current building is anticipated, and adding elements to the collections or building requires the removal of older or under-used elements to compensate; all spaces are maximally used. The “quiet space” was well used and attractive. Tables throughout the Library for one or two people were popular.

No Board action was taken.

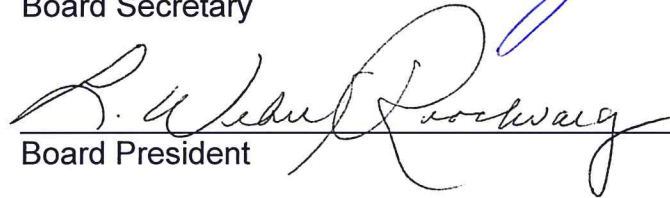
Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned by acclamation at 1:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted:


Board Secretary

Approved:


Board President