

City of St. Helens  
***Library Board***  
**Minutes from Thursday, January 15, 2015**  
Columbia Center Auditorium

**Members Present**

Barbara Lines, Chair  
Marsha Caton  
Alex Mann  
Nancy Bensen

**Councilors in Attendance**

Susan Conn

**Staff Present**

Margaret Jeffries, Library Director  
Nicole Woodruff, Library Assistant

**Members Absent**

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Casey Jolissaint  
Mary Woiccak, Vice Chair

**Guests**

11 Students from St. Helens High  
School Citizenship Class



**CALL MEETING TO ORDER:** The meeting was called to order at 7:19pm by Chair Barbara Lines.

**INVITATION TO CITIZENS FOR PUBLIC COMMENT:** No public comment.

**PREVIOUS MEETING MINUTES:** Minutes approved as written.

**AGENDA REVISIONS:** No revisions.

**EVERY CHILD READY TO READ:** Youth Librarian Jones will be partnering with the ESD to offer Every Child Ready to Read workshops starting February 5, 2015. The ESD received a grant to host a workshop series and named the St. Helens Library as a partner. The classes will teach early literacy skills to parents of children aged 0-5 over the course of six one-hour sessions. Participating families will be provided with dinner prior to each class, childcare and a gas voucher. The families also get a free children's book for each session they attend.

**CONVERSATION PROJECT UPDATE:** Lost and Found: Community in the Age of the Internet, will be hosted at the Library on January 22, 2015 at 7 p.m.

The next Conversation Project will be "What is Education For?" led by Alex Sager of Portland State, on April 23, 2015 at 7 p.m. pending approval of the Library's application by Oregon Humanities. The Board suggested trying to tie in a Community Reads program with the April Conversation. Potential titles are being reviewed at this time.

Board decided to formally invite the Superintendent, School Board and St. Helens administration and faculty to attend.

In October the Library and SHEDCO hope to co-host the Conversation Project Program. "A City's Center: Rethinking Downtown" led by Nan Laurence, a senior planner for the City of Eugene.

**FINAL REVIEW OF LIBRARY BOARD BYLAWS:** Final draft of the current bylaws will be submitted to the Board for final approval at the February 19th, meeting.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** Gideon Freudmann will be playing an electric cello concert on January 17<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at 11 a.m. This will be the second time the St. Helens Public Library has hosted one of his performances.

Mah Jongg classes begin February 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2015. Instructor Lane Koniak is willing to offer more classes if there is an interest.

Members of the Cowlitz County Ukulele Association have offered to provide instruction on playing the ukulele. They will meet Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 12 p.m. in the Armstrong Room at the Columbia Learning Center.

In May, our Library will be 100 years old. Reference Librarian Brenda Herren is working with Director Jeffries and Les Watters of the Columbia County Courthouse Museum to find historical information about the Library. Jeffries has approached the Chronicle about a series of stories to be published in May, each week covering 25 years of Library history.

The Fair Housing Council of Oregon will display their mobile exhibit from June 1<sup>st</sup> through June 17<sup>th</sup> and give a presentation about housing discrimination in Oregon on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm.

**CITY COUNCILOR'S REPORT:** Councilor Conn was reappointed for 2 years to the Library Board.

**FRIENDS REPORT:**

Book Sale – The Friends have reorganized the shelves so that books are categorized by genre.

The cash register for the Friends book sale is at the library.

The annual Book Sale will be held the Friday and Saturday prior to National Library Week, on April 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

The St. Helens Garden Club will hold their plant sale that same Saturday.

**NEXT MEETING:**

The next regular meeting is scheduled for Thursday, February 19, at 7:15 p.m. Columbia Center Auditorium.

Members to bring all relevant materials to meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m. by Chair Lines.

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Respectfully submitted by:

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Library Assistant, Nicole Woodruff

### 2014 Library Board Attendance Record

*P=Present E=Excused Absence U=Unexcused Absence*

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02/20/14	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A
03/20/14	U	P	P	P	P	U	P
04/17/14	U	P	P	E	P	P	P
05/15/14	P	P	E	P	P	E	P
06/19/14	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
07/17/14	P	P	E	E	P	P	P
08/21/14	P	P	E	E	P	E	P
09/18/14	P	P	P	P	P	E	P
10/16/14	P	P	P	E	P	P	P
11/20/14	P	P	P	P	P	U	P
12/18/14	U	P	P	P	P	E	P
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