

**Upper Skagit Library Foundation (USLF)
Annual General Membership Meeting Minutes
Concrete Theatre
March 26, 2019, 7:00 p.m.**

USLF Board of Director Members In attendance: Valerie Stafford, Vice President; Becky Schmidt, Secretary; Rob Thomas, Executive Committee Member-at-Large; Kevik Rensink; Rowena Watson; and ex officio members Brooke Pederson and Em Beals.

1. Call the Meeting to Order

Valerie Stafford called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. She introduced the USLF Executive Committee members present, as well as the ex-officio members, Brooke Pederson, Library Director, and Em Beals, Chair of the Library Board of Trustees.

2. Resolution to Dissolve the USLF Rescinded

Val explained that the USLF Board of Directors' had decided to rescind the Resolution to Dissolve at their Board of Directors meeting on March 22, 2019. She noted that this was the result of many discussions with community members and some Library Board of Trustees members who came to her with their concerns.

3. Overview of Foundation Status: Board Members and Mission

Val explained that the USLF had fulfilled its mission by providing the library with a larger space, as well as offering support and advocacy for the library. She listed the present ten USLF Board of Director members.

4. Minutes

Minutes from the USLF Annual general membership meeting of March 25, 2018 were reviewed. Rob Thomas moved to approve the minutes; Ingeborg Hightower seconded; the minutes were approved unanimously.

5. Finance Report & Announcement of Donation for Opening Reception

Becky Schmidt gave the Treasurer's Report. The USLF started in January 2018 with just over \$61,000 in the bank. She said that the USLF took in a little over \$6,000 in fiscal year 2018 and the first quarter of 2019. In that same period, the USLF spent \$43,225. This leaves our present bank balance at approximately \$24,000.

Becky also announced that the USLF Board of Directors has already approved spending:

- . \$1,000 toward the gala grand opening reception for the new library
- . \$1,000 on library programs for 2019

6. Library Director Update

Brooke Pederson announced that the structural repairs for the new library building were finished. She also said that the Library Board of Trustees was holding their retreat on April 5, from 1-4 p.m. in the new library building and that the public was welcome. She noted the library staff who had left and those who were new hires. She finished by talking about the new programs the library had initiated. Finally, she thanked the Foundation for their contribution toward purchasing a car jump starter for the library and partial payment for the new roof for the library building.

Val asked if there were any questions from the audience. When asked about the opening date for the new library building, Brooke said it would be open in about 3 months. Becky Schmidt then asked how much had been spent in total by the USLD in the past 15 months for renovation, and on what projects. Brooke responded approximately \$170,000. (On March 27, Brooke sent Becky an apology via email saying she was wrong. She corrected that \$170,000 figure, saying that the USL spent \$230,802.62 in 2018, and \$7,261.26 in 2019.) Becky also asked what the library plans to spend on renovation projects going forward, and what projects remain to be completed before the move-in.

Finally, Becky asked what assets the library has in their coffers at present. Brooke said she would have to get back to Becky regarding that answer.

7. Thank You and Farewell to Brooke Pederson

Rob Thomas thanked Brooke for her many years of service to the Concrete community as Library Director and presented her with a bouquet of flowers.

8. Tour of the New Building

Val said Brooke and Em had invited the Foundation members to tour the library after the meeting was adjourned.

Rob Thomas moved that the meeting be adjourned; Chazlyn Lovely seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

In Attendance:

Val Stafford, USLF Vice President

Becky Schmidt, USLF Secretary

Rob Thomas, USLF Executive Committee Member-at-Large

Kevik Rensink, USLF Board of Directors

Rowena Watson, USLF Board of Directors

Keith Alesse

Russ Dalton

Dorothy Anthony

Chazlyn Lovely

Em Beals

Dawn Lovely

Gail Boggs

John Boggs

Merlene Buller

Cheri Cook-Blodgett

Ingeborg Hightower

Saara Kuure

Kathy Manzoor

Connie McCloud

Carol McCormick

Greta Movassaghi

Brooke Pederson

Bill Pfeifer

Betty Seguin

Nancy Sparkowich

Bill Sullivan

Leatha Sullivan

Laurie Thomas

Ger van den Engh

Cherie Donovan