

**LA CONNER REGIONAL LIBRARY**  
**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

**March 12, 2019**

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Jean Markert, Richard Wisniewski, Robert Hancock, Bill Taylor. Also in attendance Joy Neal, Library Director, Jim Airy, Foundation member.

**CALL TO ORDER:** Jean Markert called the meeting to at 5:00 PM. She asked permission to move the Foundation Report to the first item of business which will allow Jim to leave.

**PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**FOUNDATION REPORT by Jim Airy:** Jim reported to the Board on the ongoing fund-raising efforts with the State, the County and the Swinomish Tribe. Rep Dave Paul has submitted our request to the Legislature. Mayor Ramon Hayes has sent supportive letters to the legislature from himself and other members of the La Conner community. The Town of La Conner is submitting a application to Skagit County for economic development funds. All funds would be dedicated to the new library project. Our proposal to the Tribe is for a firm pledge of with payment spread over three years. The Tribe's Education Department and HESS committee are in support. The next step is to seek the support of the Tribal Senate. Robert Hancock to meet with Jim to help with Tribal contacts. Susan Macek received a commitment from the Pepper Foundation for a \$25,000 donation and approval to use it in a matching-gift promotion.

**REVIEW OF MINUTES:** Minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting were reviewed. Richard moved to accept them, Robert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Financial Reports:**

*Cash and Investments:* Total assets \$1,142,977.

*Key Bank:* Deposits for January totaled \$1,245.46.

*Budget and Vouchers:* Robert moved to approve the February 2019 vouchers in the amount of \$6,462.66 and Richard seconded the motion which then passed unanimously.

*Payroll:* \$16,229.29 for February. Robert moved to approve the February payroll. Richard seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**DIRECTOR'S REPORT:** See attached. In addition, Joy reported her conversation with the bond counsel for Skagit County, Cynthia Weed. Joy also reported on a new program grant for homeless youth which she is exploring as a partnership opportunity. The Parents Advisory Board at the school is interested in doing the Book Bus again this Summer.

**COMMUNICATIONS:**

1. Comment Box and Other Correspondence: Complement to Joy for stocking a book by Mildred Taylor.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

1. Friends of the Library: Joy reported that the Friends of the Library presented a \$10,000 check to the Library for the purpose of helping to pay down the mortgage principal on the Library.  
Richard moved that the library use the \$10,000 check to pay down the mortgage, Robert seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.
2. Signing of Interlocal Agreement with Tribe done by the Board.

**OLD BUSINESS:** none

Future Meeting Dates: April 9, May 14, June 11, July 9.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

At 6:10 PM Richard moved to adjourn the meeting. Robert seconded the Motion and it was passed unanimously. There being no further business the meeting adjourned at 6.10 PM.

Jean Markert, Chair

William Taylor, Secretary

Richard Wisniewski, Treasurer

Robert Hancock, Trustee

