

## Minutes of the Enumclaw Library Board meeting (virtual meeting)

Date: January 6, 2021

Present: Rich Elfers, John Knowlton, Ann Anderson, Sandy Kanaga and Carla Hopkins

Absent: Mike Thompson

Guests: Lisa Rosenblum, Director, KCLS, John Scheller and Steven Bailey, KCLS Administration

Minutes: A motion by John Knowlton to approve the minutes of the December 2, 2020 meeting was seconded by Ann Anderson. Motion passed unanimously.

State of KCLS report: Lisa Rosenblum briefly outlined the status of KCLS. A “COVID” budget was approved. KCLS will not go to the voters in 2021. As a result, there have been a few cuts in the current budget, but no lay-offs. There is no budget for substitute library staff, and the libraries are somewhat understaffed. Curbside service is available at nearly all the library branches, and is very popular. The library will open when the COVID numbers go down. There is more digital use of the libraries and less paper use.

Meeting with the Enumclaw School District: Rich reported that he and Sandy met with Superintendent Shaun Carey and Deputy Superintendent Chris Beals to explore ways the Library could provide more services to our community. LAB is considering purchase of Chromebooks and/or hot spots from LaFromboise funds to supplement technology available at the school district. The Chromebooks, owned by the Enumclaw Library, could be lent to Enumclaw School District families who have no computers at their homes, and hot spots could be available for computer support. Lisa Rosenblum stated that KCLS has some funds for Chromebooks but the dollar amount is very small. Rich proposed LAB request LaFromboise funds from the City Council to purchase computers. Wi-Fi has been extended to the Enumclaw Library parking lot to facilitate Chromebook usage. Ann suggested investigating costs of Chromebooks, maintenance, and monthly fees. At that point, LAB could make a proposal to City Council. Carla investigated the latest Enumclaw area demographic information – apparently 89% of the population has computers.

Adjourn: LAB meeting adjourned at 6:25pm. The next meeting will be Wednesday, February 3, 2021.