

Friends of Cascade Park Library Meeting Minutes

March 20, 2025 - *FINAL*

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by president Donna Aase in the library's family room. Those present were: Donna Aase, Ruth Chamberlin, Janelle Faber, Sandy Granich, Jean Kent, Linda McHan, Julie Nakao, Rachael Ries (library staff), Stephanie Sanchez, and Melissa Webb.

2. Minutes - Jean Kent As of February 22nd the minutes of February 20, 2025 meeting had already been approved as written because the minutes, signed by the secretary, were required by the bank for the new signature cards to be legal. The signature cards for all our Umpqua accounts will be updated completely by the April meeting.

3. Treasurer's report - Stephanie and Ruth

A. February 2025 report was presented by co-treasurer Stephanie Sanchez.

4. Book Store - Linda McHan

A. Linda reported 198 volunteer hours for February.

B. The book store is selling a lot of books but could use more soft-back novels.

C. Linda might be establishing another substitute volunteer since volunteers might be out on vacations and such during the summer months.

5. Librarian's Report - Rachael Ries

A. Together We Read, online discussion. *Queen of Sugar Hill*.

B. 20,520 patrons through the doors, 27 curbside deliveries, 468 delivery boxes received.

C. Spanish Computer class went well. They met for 5 weeks and learned basic computer skills.

D. Tween Book Group in Feb read *Show Me a Sign* by Ann Clare LeZotte.

E. The library is a distribution site for Lemonade Day bags which is a Greater Vancouver Chamber initiative to help kids learn financial literacy and entrepreneurship. Ages 6-16. Participants pick up a backpack from our library with materials in it and get to keep it all.

F. *Seed to Supper* is underway, a 6-week beginning gardening class where attendees learn the basics of how to start and maintain a home garden on a budget. Provided in partnership with the Clark County Food Bank.

G. History of Women's Clubs presentation - low turnout, but a couple Friends did attend and thought it was good. Discussion on how turnout impacts what is chosen to be presented by the library. For the Worm Bin event we had 80 people show up; Book clubs and story time have high turnouts also. Sometime in 2024 we pretty much returned to pre-Covid attendance numbers.

H. 3-D Printer is coming in September with quarterly certification trainings. Software has not been installed so it cannot be used (yet) nor can recertification be achieved at our library branch (yet).

I. Seed Library - by the end of the month the seed library will be ready to go. Ongoing we will need people to donate seeds. A church is having a seed exchange so there are a variety of places for people to get free seeds.

J. Coming up: Master Gardeners: Build Your Own Downspout Water Garden Saturday, March 22 2:00 – 3:00 pm; Clothing swap Saturday, March 29 2:00 – 4:00 pm; Project Linus (quilts for hospitals) partnership. Kids can decorate a square which will be made into a quilt; Courtyard paving next week; Library Passport starts in April, runs through December.

K. Looking for recycling items - toilet paper and towel rolls, clean yogurt containers, soup-size cans, etc.

L. Question, how to know about library activities? Fliers are posted in the library near the inner entrance, there's a calendar online, there's the FB page, and there's district instagram.

6. Julie Nakao - Communications

A. Two new signs are ready. Super strong magnets will hold the donation cash box sign on the box. There will be a frame for the 'donate here' sign.

B. Julie reported on website maintenance matters: The contact information for our domain name has been changed to the Friends URL email address. The address information for Domain Registrant and Administrative/Technical was changed to the library's physical address and the Friends P.O. Box address, respectively. After the 60 day lockdown period (which normally follows changes to a domain name) the registration will be transferred from Weebly to InMotion.

7. Melissa Webb - Vice President

A. Preparations for the appreciation party continue. It is scheduled for April 17 at 3:30. Melissa had fun creating the basis for a BINGO card.

B. She'd made an invitation to go into the sign-in book for the volunteers to notice.

C. Moved, seconded, and unanimous vote to allot \$300.00 for special post-it-notes for the volunteers as an appreciation gift (to go along with the pencils).

D. We have two new contributors/members.

8. Miscellaneous - Donna Aase

A. Donna had met with new Foundation CEO Jenny Wilkerson as she is working on attending Friends' meetings and conferencing with each Friends group president. The Authors and Illustrators Dinner will be October 16 (which is a Friends meeting date so we'll move our meeting one week later to October 23). The author is Robert Dugoni, a thriller-mystery writer and former lawyer and journalist.

B. It would be reasonable to expect that in the future there will be more electronic communication from the Foundation to the 14 Friends groups.

C. What do we want the Foundation to know? One question is: just who is the Foundation's audience?

D. No Friends Fair this year.

E. Expect that Jenny or Jennifer will attend our April meeting to discuss the Levy Lid Lift.

F. Be sure to invite both Jenny and Jennifer to the Volunteer Party as well as Rachael and the entire Cascade Park library staff.

9. Meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m. Next meeting: Thursday April 17, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.