

# Friends of Cascade Park Library Meeting Minutes

April 17, 2025 - *FINAL*

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**1. Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:06 p.m. by president Donna Aase in the library's family room. Those present were: Donna Aase, Sherry Braga (district staff), Ruth Chamberlin, Sandy Granich, Jean Kent, Linda McHan, Judy Musa (Foundation staff), Julie Nakao, Rachael Ries (library staff), Stephanie Sanchez, and Melissa Webb.

## **2. Minutes - Jean Kent**

A. The minutes of the March 20th meeting were approved as written.

## **3. Treasurer's report - Stephanie and Ruth**

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

B. A CD was opened, closing out the savings account, and taking money from multiple accounts.

C. Noted that the payment for last year's A&I tables was made. Motion to reserve two tables (\$3,600.00) for this year's Author's and Illustrators event was passed unanimously.

D. Melissa made up an expense record form. Attach receipts for party expenditures to this form.

## **4. Book Store - Linda McHan**

A. Linda reported 216.75 volunteer hours for March.

B. One volunteer is out but Linda is doing well with the subs and is looking to acquire one more to make a total of four subs.

C. Sherry explained about the background check for each Friends member. The library pays from \$20.00 to \$100.00 for each depending on complexity. It's a 'one and done' process not one repeated every two years.

D. Judy offered to contribute books to our store from what goes through the Foundation's hands if we ever have a need.

## **5. Branch Manager/Librarian's Report - Rachael Ries**

A. 24,644 visitors, 17 curbside deliveries, 563 delivery boxes received.

B. *5 Minute Teen Film Festival* - a district program which was hosted at Cascade Park, now will be at Battleground Cinema Sept 27th; Battle Ground Friends are willing to split the theater cost (\$250.00).

Can take money from an already-budgeted category. If that account category needs more money we can accommodate that. We're nearing the end of the fiscal year.

C. Courtyard concrete pathway is finished, water features on.

D. Seed library is open and patrons have been taking lots of seeds.

E. Pizza and Poetry was a hit; 34 people showed up!

F. Hand sewing we had 8 folks show up.

G. AARP is finished with taxes for the year.

H. Seed to Supper finished on April 8th. 13 people registered and attended the 6 week beginning gardening class

I. April is Child Abuse Prevention Month, the blue and silver pinwheels are to help spread awareness; informational handouts are available.

J. *Conscious Consumption Series* has started. Kicked off with clothing swap on March 29th, followed by Scrappy Cooking April 9th, Hand Sewing April 12th.

K. Coming up we have: Master Gardeners *lawn reduction workshop* Saturday April 19th at 2pm; *Blood Drive* Monday April 21st; *Shadow Art* Friday April 18th at 2pm; *Teen Late Night* Friday April 18th 6-8pm; *Noticing Nature Walk* Sat April 26th 2pm; *Evergreen Art Show* May 12-24 art will be on display, Week of May 19th will be the awards; *Goat Happy Hour* May 9th 11am-12pm; *Community Resource Fair* May 7, 4:30-6:30pm;

Clark County Series *Recycling Done Right* May 14th 6pm; *Trashion Show* May 17th. (Stephanie will be one of the judges.)

L. Friends have helped this year with the following (food support, supplies, and/or the cost of presenters): Sour dough starter program, Basic Oil Pastel program, Pizza and Poetry, Seed Library, Staff Anniversary and employee recognition, Drying rack for kids art, Button Maker for programs and outreach.

## **6. Julie Nakao - Communications**

A. Is looking to put out the next newsletter around the end of April/beginning of May. Will include an overview of what the Friends have done/helped with.

## **7. Judy Musa - Foundation**

A. Levy Lid Lift, first one in 15 years. The Foundation is setting up a PAC for the Lid Lift. All represented counties and cities vote. 50% + 1 to pass.

B. Have hired Greg Burnett of Burnett Company to run the campaign. Are allowed to spend \$170,000 on the campaign. There will be a video, website, T-shirts, caps, etc. June and July are the big-push months. Election in August.

C. Looking for donations. Proposed, voted, approved unanimously: \$10,000.00 now, and \$10,000.00 later (has to be withdrawn from the Davidson account).

D. Need to communicate effectively with the voters, especially what will be lost if the Lid Lift loses.

## **8. Miscellaneous - None**

**9. Meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m. Next meeting: Thursday May 15, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.**