

Friends of Cascade Park Library Meeting Minutes

May 15, 2025 - *FINAL*

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by president Donna Aase in the library's family room. Those present were: Donna Aase, Amanda Cavanaugh, Jennifer Giltrop (executive director of FVRL), Sandy Granich, Jean Kent, Linda McHan, Rachael Ries (library staff), and Stephanie Sanchez.

2. Minutes - Jean Kent

A. The minutes of the April 17th meeting were approved as written.

3. Treasurer's report - Stephanie and Ruth

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

B. The book store did exceptionally well this month with monetary donations as well as regular purchases.

4. Book Store - Linda McHan

A. Linda reported 215.5 volunteer hours for April.

B. A few volunteers are out on vacations, etc. Subs are filling in.

C. Could use more trade paperback books. A trade paperback is typically about the same size as a hardcover book, 5 or 6 inches wide by 8 or 9 inches high, while a mass-market paperback is approximately 4 by 7.

5. Jennifer Giltrop - Executive Director of FVRL

A. Went over a handout made specifically for Friends regarding the Levy Lid Lift. Election is August 5th.

B. The Lid Lift is the only issue on the ballot (there are also people running for various positions) so the majority of the expense for the election will fall on the library, \$700,000 for Clark County, \$850,000 if you total all four counties (Clark, Klickitat, Skamania, and portions of Cowlitz). If the measure fails each subsequent election attempt will cost money also.

6. Branch Manager/Librarian's Report - Rachael Ries

A. New Resource: Passport. The idea is to visit libraries, get your passport stamped, and answer challenge questions. Each location features a fun fact and a quiz question about the library or community. Be sure to get the unique stamp for each location by talking with staff. Log your progress online to earn badges as you go. You'll need a Beanstack account to play online. Submit your answers online by December 1 to be entered into the grand prize drawing in December.

B. April statistics: 23,615 visitors, 20 curbside deliveries, 567 delivery boxes received.

C. National Library Week was celebrated this month for staff with a catered lunch. Thank you Friends for sponsoring.

D. Library Happenings: Goat Happy Hour was a huge hit, Seed library is still taking donations, Dave Gellis will start as full time security guard May 16th (he has been part time; new schedule T,W, Th 11-

8, F 9:30-6, Sa 9-6), Conscious Consumption series is wrapping up, Recycling done right was yesterday and Trashion Show is the final program on Saturday (will have a red carpet!), Community Resource Fair May 7 was very well attended with close to 200 folks, Library card design contest through June 30th, submit digitally, there are different age categories.

E. Coming up we have: Trashion Show this Saturday (thank you to Stephanie for judging) Evergreen P.S. Art Show May 12-24 art is on display, Week of May 19th will be the awards. The June 17th 75th Anniversary celebration at our library will feature 2 shows by the Reptile Man and a quilt-making event for Linus.

F. Friends have helped this year with the following (food support, supplies, and 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, pizzas for community resource fair, art program supplies such as canvases.

G. 75th Anniversary - each library is doing something different. Be sure to check out and contribute to the butterfly board.

7. Other Business

A. Foundation dinner five basket themes have been decided: two baskets for Bob Ross painting classes, winter, taekwondo, autographed books.

B. The Foundation's campaign kick off happy hour is May 29th from 6 - 8 at the Heathen Brewing Feral Public House (on Washington St.).

8. Meeting adjourned at 6:59 p.m. Next meeting: *Thursday June 19, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.*