

Friends of Cascade Park Library Meeting Minutes

August 21, 2025 - *FINAL*

1. Call to order: Meeting called to order at 6:04 p.m. by President Donna Aase. Those present were: Donna Aase, Ruth Chamberlin (online), Sandy Granich, Jean Kent, Joan Lamy, Linda McHan, Janice Mills, Julie Nakao, Rachael Ries (library staff), Stephanie Sanchez, Gail Smirnov, and Melissa Webb. Acknowledgement and celebration of the passage of the levy. As a group we contributed time and money. Donna brought snacks for us to enjoy.

2. Minutes - Jean Kent

A. The minutes of the July 18th meeting were approved as written.

3. Treasurer's report - Stephanie Sanchez

A. Beginning of fiscal year so the report looks a little different since the categories were updated. This budget includes a line-item for Communications.

B. Rachael assured us we will get a bill for the sound mitigation expenditure (only 5 years late).

C. The previous year's audit paperwork is complete and has been turned into Christine. Thank you Stephanie and Ruth!

4. Book Store - Linda McHan

A. Linda reported 206.75 volunteer hours for June.

B. Book store has received many donations; The cabinet isn't empty any more.

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

A. Stats for July: 27,102 patrons through the front doors, 16 curbside deliveries, 757 delivery boxes.

B. Library Happenings: CP staff participated in tabling at the East Vancouver Farmer's Market on July 24th, at Pride in the Park in Esther Short on July , and at the EVBA Scholarship Golf Tournament July 23rd. They certified 2 patrons on the 3D printer and scheduled 3 more certifications for the month of August. Found another quilt donor for Linus project. Summer reading is done as are the summer meals. 1,322 meals were served.

C. Coming up we have 5 Minute Teen Film Festival, Sat Sept 27th at Battleground Cinema; Storytime will take a break from Aug 25th to Sept 14th (district mandated); Wed Sept 3rd, Seed Saving program 6-7pm; Sat Sept 13th Skills for Disagreeing Better (hybrid and in person) by Braver Angels. This program is for discourse, not debate; Wed Sept 24th 5:15-7 *Representation, Our Federal Government, and the Constitution* (League of Women Voters) (hybrid and in person).

D. Friends have helped since mid July with the following (food support, supplies, and/or the cost of presenters): Staff recognition/anniversary for July; Day of Levy lunch; Mini Horse Storytime; SAYL Science Heroes.

E. Discussion about Goat Happy Hour for next year, probably in June (must be outside). Want to combine with a Friends event?

F. Staff member Libs Martin is now certified in Yoga so can run movement classes and have a Yoga Story Time.

G. March/April/May programs must be submitted to main office by Sept. 15.

6. Communications Chair - Julie Nakao

A. Julie asked for Newsletter topics - new members? (Melissa reported 8 this year so far. Their first name will be printed and they'll be thanked); Levy effort reports; A&I event (discussion about who is attending. At this point we have two seats remaining unfilled - whom to invite? Rachael will check with staff then Donna will extend invitations to some program supporters/providers); August's Quarterly Foundation zoom meeting report.

7. Member at Large - Sandy Granich

A. Is working on the A&I baskets. Topics are: Camping, Martial Arts, two for Bob Ross, and Winter. They're due Sept. 11th.

B. Nominating committee - Sandy has contacted each current officer. She needs to present a slate of officers at the next meeting (Sept.) to be voted on. President, Treasurer # 1 and Secretary are the available openings plus one for Volunteer Chair. Melissa has a form to use. Candidates for exec. board must have attended 4 meetings and have a current background check.

C. Texting and phone are the best ways to communicate with Sandy.

8. Miscellaneous - Donna Aase

A. Foundation's Quarterly Meeting: Brief discussion about people's experiences with the levy campaign; hand-book idea; do remove levy signs.

B. Provide email address for Foundation to contact us reliably and efficiently. Julie will set up a cpfol.org email address that will be auto-forwarded to Board members and will keep the distribution list up-to-date.

C. Next meeting falls on A&I dinner date. Meeting set for October 23.

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:03 p.m. Next meeting: *Thursday September 18, 2025 at 6:00 p.m.*