

Friends of Cascade Park Library Meeting Minutes
Sept. 17, 2023 - FINAL

1. Call to order: The meeting called to order at 6:02 p.m. by vice president Sandy Granich in the library's 'conference' room. Those present were: Donna Aase, Jan Allen, Lloyd Allen, Ruth Chamberlin, Sandy Granich, Jaynee Haygood, Jean Kent, Joan Lamy, Linda McHan, Rachael Ries (library staff), Stephanie Sanchez, Diane Vinsel, and Steve Young.

2. Minutes of August 17, 2023 meetings were approved as written.

3. Treasurer's report for August 2023 was presented by co-treasurer Stephanie Sanchez. The bookstore again did very well. We now have the self-inking stamp ("*Donated by the Friends of the C.P. Library*") for when we donate books or other materials which are given to patrons. Verbiage is required to update the Umpqua bank signature card with the new officers. See #7 below.

Discussion on \$30.00 bank fee charged because for a while there were more than two names on the on-line access site. Rick is always a signatory since our funds are held as part of the foundation account, so we can only have one additional signatory. At this time that will be Ruth.

4. Book Store - Linda reported 254.75 volunteer hours for July.

5. Rachael Ries - Librarian's Report

A. Summer reading program is over; had 715 youth participate, plus adults. Outreach touched over 11,000 people.

B. Courtyard opened last Friday (9/15/23). Many times it's quieter out there than it is inside the library. Will be open 9:00 a.m. until dusk. Question - is the mylar blocking the WiFi out there? There are cameras showing the entrances only. Rachael intends to purchase a bench with a storage area under the seat for area maintenance equipment.

C. Vulnerable population group - staff sometimes give out gallon bags with snack food items inside. Will contact Share to see if they'll provide these bags in the future.

D. EcoChallenge program has a menu of topics which are related to the Voluntary Simplicity movement of years ago. Presented the Conscious Consumption program last year and will present the Mindfulness program this year. Is put out by the NW Institute. Six-week book group. Agreed to use \$400.00 to purchase 10 textbooks (\$32.00 each) for the 6-10 member class which will be taught by Rachael. She plans to run the classes in December and January. Would like to teach at least one session per year. There are other topics also.

E. Boxes of "Weeds" continue sitting in the conference room. Collections is still trying to get caught up from the backlog, plus books need to be discarded on a daily basis. A few boxes are sent every week now. If a book is checked out 50+ times, it is generally 'weeded'.

F. Question about homeless ‘campers’ around the Firstenburg complex where no smoking is allowed. General conversation about homeless people and Vancouver programs. Homelessness is a county issue.

G. *Words and Pictures* - day-long conference for local illustrators and authors. Lobby will house one-hour presentations for authors and one-hour for poets. There will be different sessions and activities along with an open mic in the afternoon.

H. Short discussion on Weebly, Square, website account, etc. reflecting Julie’s research. Agreed to have Julie and a couple other board members meet and hash out what needs to be done. Then they can make a presentation to the group at a meeting.

6. A&I Dinner

A. All five baskets were delivered to the Foundation.

B. Verbiage in booklet for A&I dinner - keep the same as last year and add the FCPL logo.

C. Discussion about carpooling to the event.

7. Election of Officers

A. The following people were elected officers (terms are for one year): co-presidents - Sandy and Stephen; vice president - Julie; secretary - Jean; co-treasurers - Ruth and Stephanie. We appreciate Linda’s faithful work as Book Store manager (not an elected position). The following is required for the FCPL officers to update the bank signature card. The language was moved, seconded, and approved unanimously:

As of October 1, 2023 we would like the following signers on the Friends of Cascade Park Community Library Umpqua Checking Account, Community Business Savings Account and Main Street Money Market.

Co Presidents: Sandy Granich and Stephen Young

Vice President: Julie Nakao

Co-Treasurers: Ruth Chamberlin and Stephanie Sanchez

Secretary: Jean Kent

FVRL Foundation Executive Director: Rick Smithrud

We would like the same signers on the three accounts.

8. Meeting adjourned at 7:17 p.m. Next meeting THURSDAY Oct. 21, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

minutes by Jean Kent