

Friends of Cascade Park Library Meeting Minutes

April 18, 2024 - FINAL

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by president Sandy Granich in the library's family room. Those present were: Donna Aase, Jan Allen, Ruth Chamberlin, Sandy Granich, Jean Kent, Linda McHan, Rachael Ries (library staff), Stephanie Sanchez, and Melissa Webb.

2. Minutes of March 21, 2024 meeting were approved as written.

3. Treasurer's report for February 2024 was presented by co-treasurer Stephanie Sanchez. We continue to do well with the book store.

4. Book Store

A. Linda reported 203.25 volunteer hours for March. She has a new volunteer.

B. Discussion about giving away books; Answer? no, book store is to support library events. However, what if we gave Friends members a certificate for one free book? If we do that, a statement needs to be entered on the financial report.

C. Need a sign on the donation bin (somebody left donated books on the floor rather than in the bin).

D. Rachael will ask if library can make a copyable facsimile of our Friends logo to be used on documents/signs as needed.

E. Ruth asked if anybody objected to putting our old cash box out for other Friends groups to have. OK with all.

F. Shelves have been installed in the store (storage) room. More will be installed once we moved our stuff. We get to use the shelving on one entire wall and 1/2 of back wall. Tuesday at 11 volunteers will come move the stuff. There are four tables in there which belong to us. Should we put these up for donation also? Rachael suggested to put one outside of the store and use the small black table as a desk.

G. Ruth pointed out that the treasurers have boxes of papers at home which could be put on those shelves and she reminded us that treasurer paperwork needs to be saved 'forever'.

5. Rachael Ries - Librarian's Report

A. Resource report #3, FVRL website offers the option to use PressReader which gives access to newspapers and to Flipster for magazines.

B. Cascade Park Library had one district bookmark contest winner - high schooler Evan. Other entries are displayed in the Teen Section.

C. Revolutionary Reads has concluded.

D. Displays regard Earth Day and the theme of exploring.

E. Library website posts recordings of recorded classes and events.

F. Be Safe Online was offered, excellent presenter who has other topics also.

G. Poetry workshop was well-attended. Poet laureates attended. Will have open mic April 26. Hope to have open mic events on a monthly basis.

H. The Heritage Douglas fir tree in the courtyard will be dedicated on April 20 from 2:00 to 4. Plaque was installed Thursday. Tree name voted and selected is: Big Friendly Tree (BFT). Other vote getters were: Spruce Wayne and Booker Tree Washington.

I. 3-D printer workshop with an accessibility focus May 2. To use the 3-D printer you have to be certified (Bonnie signs you off).

J. Star Wars comics event - across district. Long movie will have popcorn, May 4.

K. Humanities Speakers topic May 8 will be transitioning.

L. Live watch party. Events happen at other libraries also. (June 22)

M. Have had school visits - getting ready for summer reading.

6. V. President – Julie Nakao

A. Julie was absent but sent in her report. Gained one new lifetime member. Friends' renewal messages will go out latter part of May. Two pages were added to the Friend's website - *For Members* page and a *For Board* page (password protected).

B. What other documents need to be included on website? Only the form we use to count weekly donations to book store.

C. Will include updated treasurer reports (going forward), executive board job descriptions, and meeting minutes (to be kept there until we run out of space). Does it cost more to have these items on the website?

D. Dues-amount discussion tabled until Julie can participate and hear discussion.

7. Bylaws Revision – Melissa Webb

A. Still a document in progress. Many changes. More keep coming in from committee members.

B. Melissa has commitments and will miss next two meetings.

8. Friends Fair –

A. Attendees Ruth, Stephanie, Melissa, and Rachael made comments; The Fair was good. Each person got to say something. Foundation people described their roles and duties. Foundation shared what benefits they bring to Friends groups. Foundation will set up a way for Friends groups to communicate with each other about books. CPFL volunteered to be a test group for on-line payments. Foundation will print stuff we need at no charge (like book marks). Jennifer used the word 'supporters' rather than 'members'. People liked that and would like to adopt that terminology. 26% of residents in this region have library cards. Can we increase that rate? Authors and Illustrators event date is Oct. 17 but no other info was forthcoming.

9. Meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m. Next meeting Thursday May 16, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

minutes by Jean Kent