

Friends of Cascade Park Library Meeting Minutes

July 18, 2024 - *FINAL*

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by president Sandy Granich in a library room. Those present were: Donna Aase, Jan Allen, Ruth Chamberlin, Sandy Granich, Jaynee Haygood, Jean Kent, Joan Lamy, Patty Lodmell (online), Linda McHan, Julie Nakao, Rachael Ries (library staff), and Melissa Webb.

2. Minutes of June 20, 2024 meeting were approved as written.

3. Treasurer's report for June 2024 was presented by co-treasurer Ruth Chamberlin.

A. Treasurers will deposit \$10,000 from the checking into the Davidson account, a procedure carried out about once a year. We are funding more programs next year.

B. Next month's report will have the new budget amounts listed as July 1 is the start of the new fiscal year.

4. Book Store

A. Linda reported 215.5 volunteer hours for June.

B. She has enough volunteers right now.

5. Vice President Report - Julie Nakao

A. No membership updates.

6. Librarian's Report - Rachael Ries

A. Checked with Ruth that the treasurer signed off on the Purchase Order for the kid-sized chairs for the courtyard. Money comes from furniture budget.

B. Various library activities described including Japanese drummers, story-telling event, Bridgerton social, reptile man, etc.

C. 3-D printer is working again since they reverted to the older software.

D. Nice article in *The Columbian* including photos (daily Share lunches and line-dancing class were featured).

E. Reopened the communication manager job - no final candidate emerged.

F. There is a new district 'security manager' position. Will oversee security at all branches.

G. Library is hosting the business association event in November; is a speed-networking event.

H. New sensory items for the courtyard are on hold.

I. The new Washougal library construction is on hold because the library pulled the \$500,000 slated for the building fund. In 2021 Vancouver's city council voted use fire, library, and low-income-housing-construction money to support the port and construction of other economic-outreach locations. As a result the fire department must go out for levy lid lift, but not until 2025 because the city is probably putting a lid lift for police on the November ballot and doesn't want competing tax-raising measures. This cut in money for the library will last for 25 years. Asked what to do about this Rachael suggested writing to the council, letters to the newspaper, and applying for grants. Rachael will ask Jennifer about other ideas.

J. *Authors and Illustrator Dinner* speaker will be Laura Dave. Event is October 17th which is our regular meeting date.

7. By-laws Changes - Melissa Webb

- A. Have been many changes - introducing the term 'supporter' to augment the term 'member' and are hashing out what it means to be a supporter/member.
- B. Enlarged the board and named the chair people, including 'book store manager'.
- C. Terms of the officers are two years and their terms are staggered to ensure stability.
- D. Requirements to be an officer include having passed a background check and volunteered or attended at least four meetings.
- E. Approval of updated by-laws passed unanimously. Thanks to Melissa for leading this committee and keeping track of the changes.

8. Online Payments Report - Julie Nakao

- A. Bottom line is that Julie and Stephanie, after many hours of study and research, have decided to bag the idea for now.
- B. Difficulties involved several items which are not limited to: EIN#, street address of the foundation, cell phone number requirement for two-factor-identification, who would be the official owner and would give personal information, Pay-Pal is not an option.

9. New Business

- A. Volunteer hour totals recorded in the binder go to the state and can be used to qualify for grants.
- B. Courtyard is well-used during library hours. The gate locks from the inside so there have been no incidents of unauthorized entry. Have used the area for 'Story Walk'. The 'fairies' display is doing ok although there was one small collapse.
- C. October 17 is the *Authors and Illustrators* dinner but also the date for our regular meeting. Our meeting is moved to the following Thursday, October 24th. We've already allocated money to purchase two tables (8 people per table). Discussion over whether there are two prices for tables depending on amenities;
Ruth will check. We started a list of attendees for the A&I Dinner and auction and will ask the book store volunteers specifically.
- D. Baskets - Mary from the Foundation will provide basket information. In the past we prepared 5 baskets. Suggestions for this year's themes: Disney Theme, Bridgerton Theme, Cooking Theme so far.
- E. Basket creating committee - tentative: Melissa, Sandy, Jaynee, Rachael.
- F. Table at Fircrest's National Night Out event? In the past we've given out ice cream. Event is August 6 so need to decide. Rachael coordinating.
- G. Friends Supporters/Members activities must occur during work hours, last 30 - 45 minutes, idea suggestions: 3-D printing, tour of library, tour of fairy garden. No resolution yet.

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:14 p.m. Next meeting: Thursday August 15, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.