

Friends of Cascade Park Library Meeting Minutes

August 15, 2024 - *FINAL*

1. Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by president Sandy Granich in a library room. Those present were: Donna Aase, Ruth Chamberlin (online), Sandy Granich, Jaynee Haygood, Jean Kent, Joan Lamy, Linda McHan, Julie Nakao, Rachael Ries (library staff), Leah Samuels (online), Stephanie Sanchez, and Melissa Webb.

2. Minutes of July 18, 2024 meeting were approved as corrected. There are 10 seats at each A&I table, not 8 (9.C).

3. Treasurer's report for July 2024 was presented by co-treasurer Stephanie Sanchez.

A. Did very well in the book store again.

B. Report lists the new budget.

C. Correction: Website hosting is not Square, it's InMotion.

D. Stephanie and Ruth completed all the year-end audit paperwork and turned it into the foundation.

E. Ruth presented a paper distributed by the foundation showing how the money made at the A&I dinner is used.

F. Short discussion on verbiage of 'ad' we're buying for the program (see 8. C).

4. Book Store

A. Linda reported 227.5 volunteer hours for July.

B. Discussion regarding giving away unwanted books (which would be headed to Goodwill). Decided it's ok, but restricted to books we don't want.

5. Librarian's Report - Rachael Ries

A. 27,000+ visitors for the month of July (that's a lot).

B. Various library activities described including miniature horses (unicorns), master gardener, reptile man, etc.

C. Summer reading program is almost over; summer Share lunches over last Friday. Served about 30 children each day.

D. New HR director hired.

E. Program director is retiring. The job is posted.

F. Six finalists for the new district 'security manager' position will be interviewed soon.

G. Cascade Park has one new part-time employee.

H. Parking lot lines, arrows, etc. will be repainted soon, but after hours.

I. Work-ready program for 16+ current high school students on IEP or 504 plan has several participants.

J. Teen night event was well attended (is held every other month from 6-8)

K. NNO (national night out) event went well. Excellent other representatives (Columbia Play Project, Friends of Trees, Urban Forestry, Meals on Wheels, etc.) but it seemed like fewer attendees.

6. Vice President Report - Julie Nakao

A. No membership updates.

7. Nomination Committee - Melissa Webb is member at-large

A. Committee members are: Melissa, Donna and Stephanie.

B. Sandy gave the committee the lifetime-members contact list. Julie will share her list of members with the committee also.

C. The election of the slate of candidates will be on the agenda of the September meeting.

8. Arts and Illustrator's Dinner

A. Created most of the 5 baskets: Disney Fantasia, Ice Cream, Bridgerton, Cooking, Spa (Relax, Rejuvenate and Renew).

B. Baskets are due at the foundation by Sept. 20. Jean offered to drive the baskets to the foundation.

C. Possible verbiage for spot ads in the program "Library is a safe place for all". Question about urging donations to Washougal's library since the building project is on hold.

D. 15 (of 20) table slots are filled. Will invite library staff - first come, first served.

9. Miscellaneous

A. Discussion of financing of the library system using a structural deficit.

10. Meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m. Next meeting: Thursday September 19, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.