

# Friends of Cascade Park Library Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2025 - *FINAL*

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**1. Call to order:** Meeting called to order at 6:01 p.m. by president Donna Aase in the library's family room. Those present were: Donna Aase, Allan Blair, Ruth Chamberlin, Sandy Granich, Jean Kent, Joan Lamy, Linda McHan, Julie Nakao, Rachael Ries (library staff), Stephanie Sanchez, and Melissa Webb (via internet connection).

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

**3. Treasurer's reports** for November and December 2024 were presented by co-treasurer Stephanie Sanchez.

A. Ruth noted that someone deposited five \$100.00 bills in the book store's cash box. That's such a generous donation! (Couldn't be for 500 books.)

#### **4. Book Store - Linda McHan**

A. Linda reported 188 volunteer hours for November and 176.25 for December.

B. Cassandra, from FVRL Graphics and Marketing, visited and had suggestions to make the book store's signs more effective.

C. It's a challenge for Linda to get to the store room. All three meeting rooms are being used much of the time (one must pass through one to get to the store room). Possible solution is to schedule book store access as part of the room scheduling.

D. Donna and Melissa are planning a party for the bookstore volunteers for sometime in the spring.

#### **5. Librarian's Report - Rachael Ries**

A. Followup on auctioned-off books. Historically the Foundation always was the high bidder and won the auction and used the books as money-raisers. The auction is for all the weeded books at once, not boxes, but pallets - a huge volume of books. As a result of a discussion with Jennifer, our three incomplete kits are now complete, and the miscommunication within FVRL will be fixed for the future. This was not an intentional oversight. There are many changes going on all at the same time.

B. White Salmon has a new branch manager, Molly, from the downtown library. Her previous position is now open.

C. Various programs went well and were fully attended (ex: 120 patrons for gingerbread house creation).

D. Seed library - there was an article in *The Columbian*. Put out a call for seeds - all accepted for now but ultimate goal is for heritage seeds. Possible seed-drying program in July/August. Bring any seeds you are donating to the front desk.

E. News and Events booklet - now will be published every other month. It replaced a monthly item. It's more than just a list of activities. In addition, each month Cascade Park Community Library will print off a list of activities to be included with the booklet. Only received 200 copies. Hope that's enough.

F. Library now subscribing to *Brain Fuse* - live tutoring for children or anyone wanting tutorial help. Useful tool. Available on the website.

G. Future topics: the 75th Anniversary of the FVRL system and a possible Levy Lid Lift.

H. There's a FVRL board meeting January 21, 2025 at our Cascade Park Community Library. Public portion of meeting begins at 6:00. Friends are encouraged to attend.

## **6. Communications - Julie Nakao**

A. Julie brought newly printed bookmarks plus two holders which were 3D printed at the [Rockwood Public Library Makerspace](#) where printers and an assortment of filament colors are available to the public.

B. Next Newsletter is coming out in early February. Main message will be Jennifer's planned February visit but will also include the 75th anniversary and the possible levy lid lift. A discussion followed about whether and how to include the recent article that appeared in *The Columbian* about the Seed library. Based on Rachael's explanation about how the program works, the newsletter will describe what Friends can do NOW (donate seeds) and what to do LATER (expect possible workshops in the summer on drying seeds which can be contributed). For now Bonnie and Rachael will buy seeds using Rachael's discretionary fund.

C. Donna received an email from Weebly to renew the Friends domain name. Julie will contact InMotion immediately to clarify status of domain name and investigate why renewal is handled by Weebly and not InMotion. Renewal action will depend on the results of this clarification.

D. Julie mentioned a modification to the Friends' website on the Contact page. Since automatic email bots used by businesses and spammers select the first available subject, the website first choice was changed to "Request from Email Bot" to identify the bots. About 20 solicitation messages were arriving per week but, with this change, will no longer need to be reviewed before deleting. People sending messages can select from legitimate subject options such as: Join/Volunteer, Donations to Bookstore, and Other.

## **7. Miscellaneous -**

A. Qualified volunteers will probably be needed for summer activities. Be sure you're on the volunteer coordinator's list so you are cleared to help.

B. Could use another volunteer for teen night - 30 kids show up and there are only two adults.

C. Donna said she set a goal for herself to visit each library in the 15-branch system.

**8. Meeting adjourned** at 7:07 p.m. Next meeting: *Thursday February 20, 2025* at 6:00 p.m.