

Friends of the Woodland Library
January 10, 2013
Port of Woodland meeting room

Attending: President Barb Karnis, Vice President Paula Bosel, Treasurer Bob Barnes
Librarian Justin Keeler, Woodland Mayor Grover Laseke, Noel Johnson,
Lois Russell, Joyce Sixberry, Al Swindell, Sharon Watt

The meeting was called to order at 10am.

Minutes--Noel made the motion to approve December's minutes, with the correction to the starting time.
Al seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's report--There is a total of \$246,444.86, which includes \$8,944.32 in checking. Joyce made the
motion to accept the report, Al seconded. Motion passed.

OLD BUSINESS

Election of officers--Al moved and Noel seconded to unanimously elect the following officers:

President—Barb Karnis

Vice-President—Paula Bosel

Secretary—Sharon Watt

Treasurer—Bob Barnes

Membership Co-Chairs—Noel Johnson and Sharon Watt

Mailing brochure—Bob had been working with Tami Balch at the Foundation. Rick Smithrud was asked
to OK the work order, which was not happening. Bob went to Lazer Quick, which does the printing for
the Foundation. He was told that the work would have to be rebid.

When he gets a bid, Bob will ask for an online vote to go ahead.

Lois suggested AdCo as another possibility for printing.

Changing our bank—Since the Woodland branch of Bank of America will be closing, Bob explored other
options. At Fibre Federal there is no cost when there is \$2,500 in checking and we open a savings account
(for \$5). Online banking is available. Joyce made the motion, Al seconded, and the motion passed to move
our financial accounts to Fibre Federal.

Woodland Chamber of Commerce—Noel reported that there would be no cost to us to join, since we are a
non-profit. Sharon will fill out the form, and Paula will be our representative at the Chamber meetings.

NEW BUSINESS

Diamond Raffle—This year it will be a fundraiser for the individual Friends groups; we can keep the
money from the tickets that we sell. Tickets are \$1 for a .63 carat diamond. The drawing will be held on
March 20th. Tickets are in books of 10.

Bob volunteered to coordinate the ticket distribution and the money. Justin will get tickets for us to sell.

Newsletter—Lois raised the issue of starting a newsletter. It could include the website and library events.
Gover suggested that we could start with a quarterly newsletter. Justin will get copies of newsletters from
other Friends groups, and he, Lois, and Joyce will have a meeting to explore the possibility.

Initiative to expand the library district to include the school district—Executive Director Nancy Tessman and Foundation Director Rick Smithrud had been expected to attend to talk to us about this issue, but were unable to attend. We hope to hear from them next month.

Lois said that, after hearing from them, we need to brainstorm a plan and develop a mission statement and a narrative statement.

There was a discussion of options for people who are unable to afford a Friends membership. Should we have volunteer options? Bob made a motion, seconded by Noel, to offer complimentary memberships to those people. Motion passed.

Grover suggested that we put together a committee to plan the campaign. We will need the support of the School District and Port boards and the City Council. The campaign will need information sheets, a mailer, signs, Facebook, etc.

Burgerville fundraiser—Barb will ask for either February 28th or 21st for a fundraiser. Noel and Nancy will take charge of the prizes.

Librarian's report—Justin contacted the Cowlitz County attorney, who said that he can't give us legal advice. The issue is complicated by the number of jurisdictions involved. Fort Vancouver is doing a facilities study of north Clark County, which will not be due until June or July. The Foundation will not go forward with a decision on our library district expansion until that is done.

On December 27th, the Woodland library hosted the Mad Science Company, from Portland, for an event in the Community Center. 35 attended. Justin is trying to do more events for the 5-12 year age group. There was a Pirate Party January 9th, attended by 50.

The library has doubled the size of the Spanish collection and made it more visible. Barb suggested making flyers to advertise this service. They could be handed out at the Service Center and at the housing complex.

Due to the closure of the Vancouver Mall library branch, Justin was able to obtain furniture for the library. He is trying to free up space and make better use of space. Justin was also able to obtain two book drop boxes from the Mall library. Bob asked if our old drop boxes could be used for book donations. Justin will look into it.

Bob reported that Blake had raised the possibility of having a book sale at the Community Center. It would be smaller and more manageable than our previous sales. To be discussed at the next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45am.

Sharon Watt, Secretary

Next meeting—Thursday, February 14, 2013, 10am, Port meeting room