

Friends of the Woodland Library  
February 14, 2013  
Port of Woodland meeting room

Attending: President Barb Karnis, Vice President Paula Bosel, Secretary Sharon Watt, Treasurer Bob Barnes, Librarian Justin Keeler, Woodland Mayor Grover Laseke, Noel and Nancy Johnson, Joyce Sixberry, Marci O'Flanagan, Fort Vancouver Regional Director Nancy Tessman

The meeting was called to order at 10:03 am.

Minutes--Noel made the motion to approve December's minutes, Joyce seconded and the motion passed.

Treasurer's report--There is a total of \$253,718.16, which includes \$7,262.48 in checking. Bob pointed out that the cost of printing our brochures (\$1,726.44) was more than covered by the \$1,961.00 that Noel raised in donations, memberships and his contribution. Noel made the motion to accept the report, Nancy seconded. Motion passed.

### **OLD BUSINESS**

Brochures—Brochures have been mailed and so far we have received 14 memberships from the brochure.

Bank—Barb and Bob have gone to Fibre Federal to open an account. During the next month's time, Bob will transfer all our funds from Bank of America.

Diamond Raffle (fundraiser coordinated by the Foundation)—Bob has the tickets for us to sell.

Newsletter—Joyce reported that she, Justin and Lois Russell have met several times. Lois is collecting examples of other newsletters. They plan to have four newsletters a year. Lois will do the computer work and Joyce will coordinate the articles. She has written a book review and would like others to submit short articles. Joyce intends to interview library patrons and teens for an article.

The purpose of the newsletter is to inform the community about the library. The committee members would like to include the Hispanic community. Barb will write an article, about what's available to Spanish-speakers, and have it translated into Spanish. Noel will write an article about membership and Justin will supply statistical information, such as circulation. Barb will write an article about the Friends. The goal is to demonstrate why Woodland needs the library.

The committee hopes to have the first newsletter done by the end of March. The newsletter will be placed in different locations and sent electronically.

Burgerville—No date was available in February. Barb will check on March.

### **NEW BUSINESS**

Nancy Tessman--Barb told Nancy about the past attempts to extend the library district.

Nancy stated that she and the board are committed to making the library service in Woodland better. There are also other places in the district in need of improving services, and she needs to be able to support services for the long haul, in addition to finding the funds for construction. There is no set formula for funding new construction; it has happened in different ways in different places. The board needs to look at the whole picture, and Nancy feels that we need to move strategically, as opposed to too quickly.

The board is seeking a consultant to do a study of the regional system, and it's hoped that the study will be finished by the end of summer. The intention is to include all stakeholders (including Friends groups) to talk about what is needed and how to get there.

Nancy feels that the board agrees that Woodland needs a new library, but she wants to get a formal board commitment.

In order to succeed in expanding the Woodland library district, we need to look at other community needs, so that there will be no competition for funds and so that hopefully we can collaborate with other community groups. We need to identify the opinion leaders and find ways to influence them. It is important to understand how much money will be needed to operate a new library. Property taxes are lagging and there are caps on taxes.

Campaign Committee—Barb would like us to start thinking of possible members for the committee to manage the campaign to expand the library district. Woodland Schools Superintendent Michael Green would be willing to be on the committee.

Book Sale—We are hoping to have a smaller-scale book sale. Sharon investigated the availability of the Community Center, and there aren't many weekends available. She will ask about using the Grange. We decided that Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> would be good dates. Justin said that the teens would like to hold a silent auction at our book sale.

Noel said that the Friends could have a substitute representative to the Chamber meetings if Paula is unable to attend. Nancy is willing to do that

### **Librarian's Report**

Justin reported that the staff is working on reorganizing the space downstairs. They will discuss what to do with the circulation desk. He would like to move it and decrease its size, in order to free up that space. He would also like to move the computers and free more space in the middle of the building.

Yesterday (the 13<sup>th</sup>) 120 people attended the Lego event, part of the school age programming. Getting promotional materials into the schools has helped to publicize events.

On Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup>, there will be a henna tattoo program for tweens and teens.

Justin asked if the Friends would approve \$225 for a Summer Reading program. It would be Steve's Creature Feature (reptiles) on August 7<sup>th</sup>, at 3pm. Noel made a motion to approve the money, Joyce seconded, and the motion passed. We will discuss the post-program Ice Cream Social at a future meeting.

March 1<sup>st</sup> is Read Across America day. Blake will be representing the library at the Woodland Primary School and Justin will go to the Yacolt Elementary School.

Paula commented that she is pleased that Blake has been going to the Woodland Care Center, reading and discussing short stories.

Meeting adjourned at 12 noon.

Sharon Watt, Secretary

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