

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

Attending: Vice President Paula Bosel, Secretary Sharon Watt, Treasurer Bob Barnes, Librarian Justin Keeler, Noel and Nancy Johnson, Joyce Sixberry, Lois Russell, Linda Finley, Marci O'Flanagan

The meeting was called to order at 10:05 am.

Minutes—Regarding the money made at Fall Fest, Nancy had donated the money that she made (\$24) to the \$52 listed on the October minutes. The amount earned should be \$76. Minutes accepted, with the correction.

Treasurer's report—Our total assets are \$278,722.21, which includes \$8,085.22 in checking. We made \$753.93 at the November 1st-2nd book sale. After the October meeting, the board approved (by e-mail and by phone) spending \$210 to pay for tickets to Authors and Illustrators fundraiser, for Justin, Noel and Nancy. Noel made the motion to accept the report, Nancy seconded. Treasurer's report accepted.

OLD BUSINESS

November Book Sale---Tom Edwards made ten signs for our book sale, without charge and including the wire stands.

Things to remember for next time: Make sure prices are clear in all advertising. Print a sign for the price. Since there were no times on the signs, some people came Friday while we were still setting up. Next time, try to also reserve the Community Center for Thursday, to do set up. Make signs with times and price.

FVRL board meeting in Woodland, November 18th, Community Center---Paula will order chicken, Nancy will make 3 pies, Noel will donate ice cream, Joyce will bring potato salad, Sharon will bring roasted vegetables, Justin will bring rolls and half-and-half, Barb will bring fruit salad, Paula will bring cups for hot drinks and order drink packets to be used with the library coffee machine, and Lois will bring plates, napkins and cutlery. The board will be meeting from 4-5pm, so we need to come to the Community before 4, to set up for the dinner, as much as possible. We will then return at 5pm, to await the end of the board meeting, so that we can serve dinner. The public meeting will begin at 6pm.

Authors and Illustrators banquet---Justin, Noel and Nancy thanked the group for paying for their tickets. Noel and Nancy assembled four baskets with donations from Benno Dobbe, Tsugawa's Nursery and Lamiglass. Noel said that 400 people were at the banquet, and there were around 300 auction items. Justin said that it was an opportunity for him to speak with FVRL board members.

NEW BUSINESS

Newsletter---Lois would like to have the next newsletter ready by the beginning of December. Lois will contact Tom Edwards about being in the newsletter, as thanks for the signs. After the FVRL board meeting, Justin will send the information that he will be presenting, focused on Woodland's need for a new library.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

Blake has not yet been replaced. Justin expects Jessica to go back to Vancouver. He plans to bring Thia from the La Center library to fill in.

The November program (Captain Underpants) was held yesterday. On December 11th the program will be making gingerbread houses.

With Blake gone, visits to the Care Center, which were 3-4 hours every Friday, have been suspended.

The Woodland Library will be participating in the Cowlitz County Library Adult Winter Reading Program (January 20th-February 28th). This program is being held in Longview, Kelso, Kalama, and Woodland. Woodland participants will be asked to provide addresses for verification that they have a Woodland address. Participants will fill out a form for the books read and then be eligible for the drawing. **Justin needs at least 6 prizes for the 6 weeks of the contest. Local businesses that donate will receive a poster, to display, showing them as a sponsor of the program. Justin would appreciate any help in getting donations.** The Longview Library will provide two county-wide grand prizes. Justin would like to be able to buy something for a grand prize for Woodland only.

FVRL board meeting---The facilities report was released last month at the meeting in Stevenson. Woodland and Washougal are at the top of the list in terms of need. At the meeting Monday, the board will approve the 2014 budget. The important issue for Woodland is approval of the banked capacity the library tax. When property values declined, the total levy dollars fell. Now that property values are going up again, the district may return to pre-recession levy levels, if the board approves. Taxpayers would see their total levy bill rise back to pre-recession levels at roughly the same pace as the increase in property values. The increase would likely be \$5 per \$1000 assessed value. The banked capacity would be crucial to avoid lay-offs and limiting hours, plus help to fund a new Woodland library. Justin would encourage any Friends to speak in favor of a 'yes' vote at the beginning of the board meeting.

MEMBER CONCERNS

According to the bylaws, election for officers should be held in January. Also, the bylaws need revising. The Friends members present at this meeting agreed to meet Wednesday, November 20th, 12:30 at Gilliano's to discuss nominations and the bylaws.

Meeting adjourned at 11:55.

Sharon Watt, Secretary

Next meeting—Thursday, December 12, 2013, 10am, Port meeting room