

Friends of the Woodland Library
August 14, 2014
Port of Woodland meeting room

Attending: President Paula Bosel, Vice-President Nancy Johnson, Secretary Sharon Watt, Treasurer Bob Barnes, Head Librarian Justin Keeler, Marci O'Flanagan, Noel Johnson, Lois Russell, Al Swindell
Visitor: Joerg Bleeck, Columbia River Carbonates

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

Minutes—motion made by Bob, seconded by Marci to approve the minutes. Passed.

Treasurer's report—our total assets are \$305,470.67, which includes \$11,894.74 in checking.

OLD BUSINESS

Membership---No change: 47 individual members and one business member.

Shed---The shed has been erected behind the library. One set of keys is in the library. Sharon has another set. Lois, Paula and Sharon moved books from the La Center storage into the new shed. We have not yet received the bill for the shed.

Mr. Bleeck told us about Columbia River Carbonates. He is very interested in supporting a new library.

Hand Truck---We had discussed purchasing a hand truck, to move books from the library to the shed and from the shed to the Community Center for book sales. Sharon looked at hand trucks at the True Value Hardware store. They have 2 versions of 800-pound hand trucks, with pneumatic tires, costing \$69 or \$91. Motion made by Noel, seconded by Bob, to authorize buying the \$69 version. Sharon will buy it.

Al offered plywood to make a ramp for the entrance to the shed. Bob said that he could build some supports for the ramp.

October Book Sale---Sharon has reserved the Community Center for a book sale on October 24-25, with set-up on the 23rd. (This would be part of the "Friends of the Library Week" October 19-25.) We need grocery bags for the bag sale. Marci will ask at Safeway.

About 100 ice cream pieces were left over from the August 1st Summer Reading program. Sharon is keeping them in her freezer. Justin will see if staff has any suggestions as to occasions when it could be distributed.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT

The final Summer Reading program (Richard Ritchey, the Reptile Man) had about 110 community members attending. The Friends provided ice cream for the children.

Summer Readings sign-ups for all ages totaled 245, a lower total than in past years. Justin said that the program was quite different this year, and that seems to have had an impact.

Regular programming will resume with the start of the school year: all-ages family story time Monday mornings, preschool story time Tuesday mornings, a new bi-lingual story time Wednesday mornings, a

new book discussion for 9 to 12-year olds on the fourth Thursday and the teen book discussion on the first Monday of the month.

Justin and the FVRL leadership met with the FFA Architects/Library Consultants August 12th to go over and refine the proposals to be presented at a community meeting September 16th (6:30pm, in the City Council Chambers in the new police station). Flyers and posters are being printed, and Marci volunteered to distribute them.

The branch staff is reorganizing parts of the ground floor collection, making new fiction and non-fiction books more visible.

Plans are being made to resume the co-op preschool, St. Phillip's preschool and Headstart story times this fall. The staff is also discussing whether or not to develop an outreach program to the Woodland Care Center. Justin will attend a back-to-school orientation at the Middle School.

There was some discussion of refreshments for the September 16th meeting.

GOOD OF THE ORDER

Lois asked about the timing and articles for the next newsletter. It was felt that it should include the information coming from the September 16th meeting with the consultants. Other ideas for articles: information about the library programs, book reviews from staff members, a profile of the new staff member.

Meeting adjourned at 11:15.

Sharon Watt, Secretary

Next meeting—Thursday, September 11, 2014, 10am, Port meeting room