

Friends of the Woodland Community Library  
February 11, 2016  
Port of Woodland meeting room

Attending: President Paula Bosel, Vice-President Nancy Johnson, Secretary Sharon Watt, Treasurer Rachelle Corey, Shirley Clukey, Noel Johnson, Marci O'Flanagan, Al Swindell, Librarian Justin Keeler, FVRL Business Development Officer Judy Musa

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

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

Treasurer's report---Rachelle reported that our total assets are \$353,941.01 which includes \$17,920.31 in checking.

Membership--- One new business membership received (Advanced Electric), making 84 individual memberships and 18 businesses.

Communications---Shirley reported that the donation button on the Friends' website worked initially, then stopped linking to the Foundation. She has made several attempts to fix it. Justin will contact the district's technical support.

Fundraising---The Tsugawas feel that they couldn't guarantee enough strawberries for a strawberry festival.

Judy, Joyce and Marci met with the Fat Moose's owner Jay. They discussed having a wine and/or beer tasting. One of the Fat Moose's waitress will talk to vendors about donating the wine or beer. The Fat Moose would provide finger food. The price of a ticket would include one drink. Jay offered to do an all-day event (6am-2pm on a weekend, 6am-10pm on a weeknight), giving us a percentage. Jay also suggested same-night raffles. The Fat Moose has a gambling license: a bunco night is a possibility. Other possibilities: an open-mic night and a garage sale in the parking lot. The restaurant could accommodate up to 35 for a painting event. Jay would be willing to participate. Judy thinks that we should do this eventually, but it wouldn't bring in a lot of money for the amount of work, so it's better to concentrate on other ideas first.

Marci has been investigating a small plane ride for a raffle. She will check to see if there are businesses at Pearson Field (in Vancouver) that provide such rides.

Marci talked to the owner of Cameron Ranch (horse ranch). He might be willing to donate a trail ride as a silent auction item for the next Authors and Illustrators dinner.

Judy attended a meeting of the Kelso-Longview Chamber of Commerce. She met briefly with the Chamber President/CEO. There is a non-profit rate for joining. She will discuss it with Rick. The Lower Columbia Professionals (a group within the Kelso-Longview Chamber) had come to the Woodland Chamber meeting and talked about their fundraising efforts. An idea that Judy brought away was to coordinate with local groups (the Moose Lodge?) for a membership drive.

On Wednesday, March 16 Red Leaf Coffee will give us 10% of their drink and food sales. (Exact hours to be determined.) Discussion of putting out A-frame signs to advertise this. Judy and Sharon will check with Public Works Director Bart Stepp.

Upcoming book sale, February 26<sup>th</sup> (10am-4pm) and 27<sup>th</sup> (10am-2pm): paperback romance, mystery and thriller books will be 25¢. Paperbacks in other categories and all hardcovers will be \$1. Children's books will be 25¢ to \$1. All-day bag sale Saturday, \$5 a bag.

Librarian—Luciane is expected back Tuesday.

McKenzie planned and presented a Legos and Craft Closet Clean-Out on January 27<sup>th</sup>, using left-over supplies from story times, etc. Around 40 kids attended.

On January 31<sup>st</sup> Justin participated in the first local Hispanic Health and Resource Fair. It featured representatives from service agencies. Justin was able to hand out library card applications.

The Adult Winter Reading program has begun. It goes through the end of February. There are three Cowlitz County grand prizes. Justin will buy prizes for Woodland from the money that we budgeted last year for library support.

The next event is a Build a Book program on February 24<sup>th</sup>. Participants will make their own books.

The 2016 FVRL bookmark design contest will run from February 16<sup>th</sup> to March 31<sup>st</sup>. Information and forms will be distributed in the schools. There will be winners for grades k-5, 6-7, 8-9, and 10-12.

On February 25<sup>th</sup> Justin will attend the Family Literacy Night at the elementary school, to offer applications for library cards and to promote library services.

The library staff is being trained for CPR.

Discussion of Justin's request that the Friends contribute towards a defibrillator for the library. The district wants every library to have one. The cost is \$1300.00. Discussion of soliciting contributions from the Lions, Columbia Carbonates. Al will check on the possibility that the city or the fire department will give us one. Motion made by Shirley, seconded by Al, to authorize spending up to \$1300.00 of the Friends' funds for a defibrillator, if there is no other funding or source.

FVRL Executive Director Amelia Shelley and Sam Wallin had a good meeting with new Woodland Mayor Will Finn. Hoffmann Park is no longer being considered for a new library. Beside the funeral home site, consideration is being given to the feed store, with the old post office site and the empty lot next to it for parking. Amelia is still working with a Vancouver real estate agent to identify any other potential sites.

Meeting adjourned at 11:50.

Sharon Watt, Secretary

Next meeting—Thursday, March 10, 2016, 10am, Port meeting room

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