

FRIENDS OF WASHOUGAL COMMUNITY LIBRARY

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

SEPTEMBER 26, 2017

CALL TO ORDER

President Glenn Thompson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. at the Washougal Community Library.

ATTENDEES

Members: Deborah Breitenbauch, Teri Clohessy, Diane Guin, Dennis Johnson, Kathy Johnson, Laura Kelly, Cheri Shaw, Glenn Thompson, Merrie Thompson, Sallie Tucker Jones, Hal Witters, Maureen Witters

Staff: Rachael Ries, Librarian

Other Attendees: Amelia Shelley, FVRL Executive Director; Heena Dwivedy, FVRL Foundation Board Member

MINUTES

Teri Clohessy moved and Cheri Shaw seconded approval of August 22 meeting minutes. Minutes approved as written.

NEW LIBRARY UPDATE – Amelia Shelley

Several potential library sites, primarily in the downtown core area, were identified and reviewed. After eliminating those that did not meet all criteria, two remain under consideration: Lone Wolf Development (LWD) site across from the post office and city-owned land adjacent to City Hall.

LWD has proposed a two-story mixed used building with library and commercial space on first floor and residential rental units on second floor. Under this option, it is anticipated that FVRL would enter into a ten year lease-purchase agreement for their space with LWD. While LWD would design and construct the building exterior as well as interior residential and commercial space, FVRL would be responsible for design and construction of interior library space. Library parking would be provided on property owned by LWD across the street.

Members' concerns related to LWD site included: need to limit commercial units to family friendly businesses, need for separate mechanical rooms, potential noise and water/fire hazards from residential units, lack of control over building design, and location of parking.

Second option is construction of stand-alone library on city-owned land. This option is more costly but building would be designed, constructed, and owned by FVRL. Rising construction costs could limit building size and make need for bond issue more likely.

Concerns about this site included cost of construction, uncertainty about passage of bond issue, and proximity to railroad tracks.

Site selection is expected to occur by end of 2018. It was suggested that a community meeting be held to solicit input after a preferred site is identified and prior to any binding agreement.

LIBRARIAN'S REPORT – Rachael Ries (see attached)

TREASURER'S REPORT – Cheri Shaw (see attached)

Merrie Thompson moved and Deborah Breitenbauch seconded transfer of \$2500 from savings account to investment fund. Motion passed.

Teri Clohessy moved and Laura Kelly seconded approval of Treasurer's Report. Report approved as presented.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Book Sale Committee – Merrie Thompson

Fall Book Sale proceeds were approximately \$2500 including \$450 for remainder books. These were sold directly to a book buyer for the first time rather than packed and transported to Green Earth Books. Immediate financial return is comparable to return from Green Earth over time. This change also saves volunteer time and labor.

Next book sale will be after first of year.

Support & Fundraising Committee – Laura Kelly

Silent auction at library for Bowflex machine through October 13.

Raffle tickets for necklace and watch on sale through December 1.

Diane Guin will hold Hair Event fundraiser for children ages 8 and up at WCC on September 30.

Upcoming outreach events: Apple Festival (10/8), Pumpkin Harvest Festival (10/28), and Lighted Christmas Parade (12/7).

Brews & Books will be held at 54'40° Brewing Company on November 4. We will sell books and receive a portion of beverage sales. Records will also be for sale.

No total yet from Amnesia Brewing fundraiser.

Heena asked that her contact info be added to event/outreach publicity list on behalf of Washougal Downtown Association.

NEW BUSINESS

Merrie Thompson will coordinate preparation of auction baskets for FVRL Foundation Authors & Illustrators Dinner & Silent Auction in November.

Rachael Ries reminded members to complete required FVRL background check. Please contact Sherry Braga, FVRL Volunteer Coordinator, if you did not receive email with link to online screening service.

NEXT REGULAR MEETING

The next regular meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 24, at the Washougal Community Library.

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Submitted by:

Maureen Witters, Secretary

Approved:

Date:

Glenn Thompson, President

Mark Your Calendar

Thursdays – 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. -- Book sorting at storage facility

(call Merrie Thompson at 835-5604 to volunteer)

September 30 – 2:00 to 4:00 p.m. – Hair Event fundraiser at WCC

October 8 – 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. – Apple Festival @ Riverside Christian School

463 N Shepherd Rd, Washougal

October 10 – 6:30 p.m. – Support & Fundraising Committee @ WCL

October 16 – 6:00 p.m. – FVRL Board of Trustees Meeting

Stevenson Community Library

120 NW Vancouver Ave, Stevenson

October 24 – 6:30 p.m. – Friends of Washougal Community Library @ WCL

October 28 – 12:00 to 3:00 p.m. – Pumpkin Harvest Festival @ Reflection Plaza

November 4 – Library Fundraiser @ 54'40° Brewing Company

3801 S Truman Rd, Washougal

November 14 – 6:30 p.m. – Support & Fundraising Committee @ WCL

November 28 – 6:30 p.m. – Friends of Washougal Community Library @ WCL