

Mount Vernon Library
Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2013
5:30 p.m.
Fire Station #3 at 4701 E. Division St.
Mount Vernon, WA

Attended by Marija Anderson, Kathy Combs, Peter Goldfarb, Sara Holahan, Suzanne Gilbert, Troy Kunz, Harold Page, Sara Patton, Kelly Reep, Chuck Smith, and Brian Soneda. Guests: Dan Parkin

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Harold Page called the meeting to order at 5:37.

II. MINUTES: Before approving the February minutes, Chuck suggested we delete the account number. Peter made a motion to approve the minutes as amended; Marija Anderson seconded. The motion carried. Sara Patton will delete the account number before sending them to be posted on the web page.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Chuck Smith handed out the Treasurer's Report and reported there was no new income other than interest. He noted that he had written 6 checks for expenses for the Love Your Library event. The current balance as of --- is \$7652.95.

He also reported the Lion's Club will be appointing a member to the Foundation Board and will pay their membership fee.

IV. Old Business: Leave A Legacy Event

A. Event Details:

1. RSVPs: Sara Holahan reported that she had received only 25 RSVPs and was concerned about the low number. She noted that invitations going to businesses may not have even been seen by the owner. She handed out her update lists of potential invitees and assigned each of the Board members to make calls to individuals and business owners.

2. Set up, Food, etc. Kelly reported that she had finalized the menu with Max Dale's and approved the set up. She and Peter decided that decorations were not necessary. She said a table will be set up for name tags, sign in sheets, book marks, comment cards, fact sheet about current library, Foundation membership applications, etc. Peter would see if he could had a sign made up for the podium featuring the logo.

3. Photo Display: Kelly, Harold and Sara Patton will be working to complete the photo display boards to include many of the over 100 photos taken of libraries in the area along with photos of people using the library. Harold noted that the Swinomish Casino printed the photos on very high quality paper and they would be mounted on foam core board and cut out for display. Hawthorne Funeral Home provided easels for the boards. Sara Patton also mentioned that her husband was working on a Power Point presentation to include all of the photos. Sara Holahan would like to add additional photos on services the current library provides. John Patton has agreed to take photos at the event.

Peter asked if anyone from the newspaper had been invited to the event in order to write a follow-up story. No one had at this point.

4. Comment cards: Sara Holahan was working on finding (or creating) old library catalog cards to be used as comment cards to gather public input. The planning committee suggested that each card be headed by the following: "The new Mount Vernon Library should..." so that people can write in their own suggestions. Sara will also work on developing a "fact sheet" or brochure to hand out. It will not only show how the population has increased since the last Library expansion, it will also feature the various services the Library provides to the public.

5. Gifts: Chuck has agreed to pick up and transport the 300 fir trees donated by Roger Ragusa to Max Dales. Kelly will put them in nicer containers and tag them appropriately. They will be set on a display table and handed out at the end of the

evening. She would like to have a volunteer hand them out to people and Suzanne volunteered her daughter for the task.

6. MC/Jazz Combo: Larry Otis has enthusiastically agreed to be the MC for the event and Kelly will provide him with a schedule and talking points. The High School Jazz Combo will provide background music for the evening.

7. Schedule of the evening: MC will welcome guests, recognize Foundation Board members, thank the donors and the Jazz Combo, and introduce Brian Soneda. Brian will summarize events leading up to formation of the Foundation, focusing on Sonja Beard's gift. He will then introduce the Mayor. The Mayor will speak about her ideas for building a new library. Harold Paige will make a few comments and encourage people to fill out comment cards and take a tree and "plant a legacy."

8. Expenditures to date have been for materials for trees, photo display boards (for which Tri-Dee gave the Foundation a 10% discount), name tags, invitations and stamps. Dan Parkin had new book marks made (which he donated) to hand out at the event.

B. Video Presentation: Harold reported that the video footage had been shot and may or may not be ready in time for the event as they were still trying to edit it. Although he would be disappointed if it were not finished, he reminded us that it's primary purpose was to show on TV 10. If it is ready, Sara Holahan will provide the projector and computer from the library. Max Dale's has a screen which will be set up adjacent to the podium.

C. Talking Points: Again Harold emphasized keeping the evening as sociable and "fun" as possible. He encouraged Board members to mingle with the guests (not each other) and focus on the need for a new library. He pointed out that should questions arise regarding location, size, or cost, the answers should be honest in that we don't have enough information at this point to answer. The Mayor will probably address the Higgins property but even then, that location is still not certain until we do more information on its viability.

V. New Business

A. Library Director's Report: Brian Soneda reported that the Mayor's promotion of the POD concept in City government, has brought the Library and Parks and Rec together under the umbrella of "Quality of Life." He was enthusiastic about working jointly with Parks and Rec to serve the community at large. Should a new facility be built as a joint use library/community center, it would have even broader appeal and more potential in terms of funding.

The next Foundation meeting will be held Monday, April 8, at 5:30 pm. There being no other new business or comments and questions, the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Patton, Secretary