

Mount Vernon Library Foundation Meeting Minutes

December 8, 2014 6:00 p.m.
Max Dales Restaurant Mt. Vernon

Board Members Present: Marija Anderson, Carmen Bruner, Peter Goldfarb, Troy Kunz, Roger Ragusa, Sara Patton, Chuck Smith, and Staff Liaison Brian Soneda

Board Members Absent: Scott Correa, Harold Page, Kelly Reep

Guests: Ed Anderson, Sara Holahan, John Patton, Wendy Ragusa, Paula Smith, Lisa Soneda

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Marija Anderson called the meeting to order at 6:02 and guests were introduced.

II. MINUTES: The minutes were approved as corrected.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Chuck reported a balance of \$7,224.36, as of November 28, 2014 with \$35.55 in income. There were no expenditures. Chuck reminded us that our annual membership dues are \$35.00 and are due next month. Additional donations are much appreciated.

IV. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Brian reported that the final report of the Needs Assessment has been submitted and posted on the Library web page. He also noted that the Chad Lindburg book signing and benefit held at the Tattered Page on Dec. 7th was very successful. The proceeds of the event will go to the Library Foundation to support the funding of a new library for Mount Vernon. With sponsorship, funding and in-kind support from the Friends of the Library and Wells Nursery, the Library's float won 2nd place in the Mount Vernon Christmas Parade.

V. OLD BUSINESS: None reported.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. January Meetings: Annual Membership Meeting, Board Elections and Election of Officers.

1. Guest speakers, Location: Chuck Smith made arrangements for us to hold the Annual Meeting at the PUD Aqua Room on January 12 at 5:30. Because the Mayor attended our November meeting, the consensus was to postpone another presentation until a later date. Several other suggestions were made for a guest speaker, the first choice being Tom Keegan, president of Skagit Valley College. Troy Kunz offered to contact him. It was also suggested that we set up a slide show of area libraries to run in the background.

2. Nominating Committee: Because all of the current officers, except one, have agreed to continue to serve in their current posts, all agreed that a nominating committee was unnecessary. Sara Patton has decided to step down as secretary after serving for four years in that position. Nominations will be open from the floor for all positions.

New Director positions: Sara reported that Nancy Doty had contacted Gloria Hulst to see if she was interested in serving on the Board and she is, thus Nancy asked that Gloria's name be forwarded for nomination to the Board of Directors. Brian Soneda also noted that Alice Quam was interested as well and would be a good addition to the Board.

B. Membership Letters-Mailing List: All board members had been asked to submit at least 5 names to be added to the membership mailing list in an effort to broaden the Foundation membership base. Carmen will be sending out new and renewal membership letters in December. Sara and Chuck agreed to assist in that effort.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:25.

Respectfully submitted,
Sara Patton
Secretary