

Mount Vernon Library Foundation Meeting Minutes

May 12, 2014 5:30 p.m.

Himalaya Property Management Offices
1003 Cleveland Avenue, Mt Vernon, WA

Board Members Present: Marija Anderson, Carmen Bruner, Troy Kunz, Kathy Combs, Roger Ragusa, Chuck Smith, and Staff Liaison Brian Soneda

Board Members Absent: Sara Patton, Harold Page, Peter Golfarb, Kelly Reep, Scott Correa

Guests: None

I. Call to Order: President Marija Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:35.

II. MINUTES: Marija reviewed Robert's Rules which outlined new procedures that no longer require a motion to be made to approve the previous meeting minutes or treasurer's report; both reports are received as given.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Chuck reported a balance of \$7,281.87 at the end of April. Dues, donations, and interest brought the income to \$40.60 with a single expense of \$347.84 for brochure printing.

IV. MEMBERSHIP REPORT: Kathy reported that she and Brian were going to visit the morning Rotary meeting. Brian and Troy will visit the meeting the following morning to gain support from Kiwanis for the new library.

IV. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: Brian informed us the survey is finally finished and a soft launch will take place the following Wednesday at the City Council meeting. The survey will be linked to SurveyMonkey. A Spanish language hard copy version will be made available at the library. The survey will remain open until June 30, although we will try to encourage people to complete the survey by June 16 if possible.

May 31 is the start of the Mount Vernon Farmer's market, with the market being open every other Saturday. Brian gave everyone on the foundation a standing invitation to help out with the market between 9 am – 2 pm.

VI. OLD BUSINESS:

- A. Roger stated that he is working with the Lincoln Theater director, Roger Geitzen to put Library announcements up on the movie screen prior to the movie starting. The cost for the announcement maybe as low as 60 dollars per month or 60 dollars per night, Roger will clarify.
- B. The board now has 11 members, with Angelica planning to resign to take care of her ill mother. The question was asked if we wanted to add additional members to fill vacancy or just keep the board at 11. We discussed inviting Nancy Doty to become a foundation member; Chuck volunteered to invite Nancy to the next meeting. Marija said that she would send Nancy a letter asking Nancy to become a board member.

VII. NEW BUSINESS:

A. Carmen asked for a copy of the mission statement. Marija said that she would bring a copy to the next meeting to be included in the minutes.

B. Roger asked if we could submit a letter to the editor of the Skagit Valley Herald to gain support from the community. Brian suggested a foundation member write the letter as the a "Public Service Announcement. Chuck Smith said he would coordinate with Brian to get the letter written.

C. Brian brought up the Mount Vernon Mayor's newsletter is due May 15. Brian is hoping to have input into the newsletter.

- C. Roger told us the LaConner Friends of the Library donated 42K to the LaConner Library. Roger believes we should take better advantage of the local fairs by having a library information booth available. Roger made a point that many businesses were closed during the recent Tulip festival street fair.

VIII. Adjourn: The meeting was adjourned at 6:40 p.m. The next meeting will be held June 9th at 5:30 at the Himalaya Property Management, 1003 Cleveland Avenue, Mt. Vernon, WA.

Submitted,
Troy Kunz