

Mount Vernon Library Foundation Meeting Minutes

July 14, 2014 5:30 p.m.
Mount Vernon Public Library

Board Members Present: Marija Anderson, Carmen Bruner, Scott Correa, Nancy Doty, Peter Goldfarb, Sara Patton, Chuck Smith, and Staff Liaison Sara Holahan

Board Members Absent: Kathy Combs, Troy Kunz, Harold Page, Roger Ragusa, Kelly Reep

I. CALL TO ORDER: President Marija Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:35.

II. MINUTES: The minutes were approved as submitted.

III. TREASURER'S REPORT: Chuck reported a balance of \$7212.67 as of June 30, 2014, with only \$.06 in interest and no expenses. He is currently working on the Library Foundation Annual Report required by the Corporate and Charities Division of the Washington Secretary of State. There is a \$10 filing fee.

IV. LIBRARY DIRECTOR'S REPORT: In Brian's absence, he submitted a written report (attached). The Farmers' Market is held every other Saturday. Volunteers are needed for the Library Booth on Aug. 9 and 23.

V. OLD BUSINESS:

A. Needs Assessment Report: Many of the Foundation Board members were present to hear the Needs Assessment consultants' report to the community and to the City Council on July 9. It was agreed that the overall report of survey findings was very positive regarding the need and support for a new library in Mount Vernon. The size (sq ft per population) and location were addressed in the presentation but not in the survey. Thus it was difficult to ascertain public opinion attitudes regarding these topics. Concern was also expressed that the survey did not reach a wide enough audience to get a good statistical sample of overall voter support. It was suggested that a summary of the final report be mailed out to the public in utility bills.

The Foundation will continue to make presentations to various community service groups, hand out brochures at the Farmers' Market, and possibly at the Library. We will also continue to look for community leaders and activists to add to our Board of Directors. But building additional community support and a base for future fundraising will depend primarily on the final Needs Assessment report in September and on the City Council's response.

VI. NEW BUSINESS:

A. August and September Meetings: The suggestion was made—and unanimously agreed to—that our next meeting be held in September on the Monday AFTER the final Needs Assessment Report has been made to the City Council. Because Marija will be out of the country in September, Peter and Sara will get together to determine the agenda and notify Board members of the date of the meeting once we have a firm date of the final report presentation.

VIII. Adjourn: There being no other new business, the meeting was adjourned. The next meeting will be in September on the Monday after the final Needs Assessment Report has been made.

Respectfully Submitted,
Sara Patton
Secretary