

**Mount Vernon City Library Foundation Board**  
**April 11, 2016**  
**5:30pm at the Himalaya Properties Building**  
Meeting Minutes

1. Call to Order

President Marija Anderson called the meeting to order at 5:30pm. Those present were Angelica Guillen, Sarah Holahan, Brian Soneda, Roger Ragusa, Marija Anderson, Peter Goldfarb, Chuck Smith, Gloria Hulst, Cheri Relyea. Absent: Troy Kunz, Kelly Reep and Jorge Manzanera.

Treasurer's Report: Chuck Smith reported that the balance in our Treasury is \$8,035.89. He also reported a correction to last month's Minutes, which should have stated that Chuck will submit Form 49990N by May 15<sup>th</sup> to the IRS to report our financial activity for 2015. The Treasurer's Report by Chuck Smith was approved.

Minutes: The minutes of the past meeting were corrected and approved. Roger moved that motions be addressed as moved and seconded, which would help clarify the Minutes. Cheri seconded and the motion pass unanimously.

2. Guest Speaker: Mark Hulst

Speaker Mark Hulst from the City Council, spoke of the need to establish a location for expanding the Library. One suggestion was to create a City Campus where we are already located. Since the FireStation has to move to a larger building, a new City Campus could include the City Hall, possibly the Public Works department and the Library. Since the City owns that property, we would not have to acquire more land and would not have to pay rent. Also, while Council member Hulst did talk at length about possibilities for a downtown location, he also talked about the still possible joint effort with the School District on the current School Administration site.

3. Director's Message:

- a. Brian announced that the Library Book Sale is the weekend of April 15, 16, scheduled to coincide with the Mount Vernon Street Fair.
- b. Poetry in Nature: Three trails have been dedicated by the City to sponsor poetry in Nature. Two of the signs are at Little Mountain, one at the beginning of the trail, and one at the top. A third sign is on the trail at Trumpeter.
- c. An invitation was extended for Wednesday at 2pm from the Library Staff, to a planning meeting of the "Centennial Committee." The Library staff committee is planning events for the "Celebrating a Century of Service" project throughout this year. The invitation is from the staff and is to the Foundation Board members, Friends Board members, and the Library Board of Trustee members.
- d. Concerning the event planning by the Chamber of Commerce, which features live music during the summer on the revetment, a motion was made to contribute \$500.00 to the Chamber of Commerce. Brian will look into the dates and find one that we can use to celebrate the Library. The motion was made to accept this by Gloria, and seconded by Cheri.

4. President's Report:

- a. President Marija announced that Carmen Bruner has resigned from her position on the Board as the Membership Chairman. She will still be part of the Foundation Board. A

motion was made to accept Carmen's resignation by Chuck, and Roger seconded. Motion passed. Chuck will temporarily take Carmen's place as the Membership Chairman.

5. For the Good of the Order:
  - a. Angelica Guillen made a motion, seconded by Cheri, to have a discussion at the next meeting to create a social time for all three Library entities which are tied to the function of the Library in some way (Friends, Foundation and Board of Trustees.) The social agenda of the time would be that we develop a closer bridge from one entity to the others. Motion was passed.
  - b. Marija has invited Betsy Risser, who is heading the Library Staff Commemorative Events for our Centennial year, to visit us at our next meeting and to answer questions. Also, Mark Hulst from the City Council, has offered to return and to continue to answer questions at our next meeting.
  - c. The next meeting will take place on May 9, 2016. Agenda will follow.
  - d. The meeting adjourned at 7:00pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Cheri Relyea, Secretary