

Mount Vernon City Library

Minutes

May 9, 2016

5:30pm at the Himalaya Properties Building
Mount Vernon Library Foundation Board Meeting

- I. Call to order: Meeting was called to order by President Mariya Anderson.
- II. Roll Call: Present: Peter Goldfarb, Chuck Smith, Cheri Relyea, Gloria Hulst, Mariya Anderson, and Director Brian Soneda. Absent: Kelly Reep, Angelica Guillen (exc.), Jorge Manzanera, Troy Kunz, Roger Ragusa,
- III. Approval of minutes from last meeting. Minutes were reviewed and recommended for approval pending a quorum.
- IV. Treasurers' Report: Treasurers' Report showed a balance of \$8,142.22. Treasurers' Report was reviewed and recommended for approval pending a quorum.
- V. Open Issues
 - A. Guest Mark Hulst, from the City Council, referred to the discussion at the last meeting where the Library Board expressed interest in continuing to work with the School District, but also considered the possibility of creating a City Campus, which would utilize the properties the City already owns. Mr. Hulst said that Mayor Jill Boudreau hoped to meet with Carl Bruner for further discussion. The City Council also discussed the possibilities of getting sponsorships for different sections of the Library. It was recommended that we get more information and direction from the City Council on how to proceed. The Mount Vernon City Library Foundation Board will meet with the City Council at their meeting on the June 29th and request more information for campaign planning.
 - B. Guest Betsy Risser, Library Staff, spoke to us of suggestions for community activities to help celebrate our Centennial Year, and draw positive attention to the Library. Her ideas were well received, and included a scavenger hunt, a mystery night at the Library, and "flocking," an idea where neighbors are targeted with something unusual such as flamingoes to support the idea that the Library "has been there."

- C. Peter Goldfarb has been working with the Skagit Valley Herald to produce a magazine insert in the Skagit Valley Herald, featuring the Library's Centennial Year, "Century of Service." The Booklet will include a letter from Mayor Jill Boudreau and Director Brian Soneda, and will be full of ads as well as history of the Library. The foundation needs to support this with \$1,000.00. This was reviewed and recommended for approval pending a Quorum.
- D. Director's Message: Scott Correa, former Secretary on the Library Foundation Board and Boeing Engineer, shared interesting information on a new composite material designed to build new buildings or to encase and wrap around old buildings, and which can be done at a fraction of the cost of traditional building structures. The company is called Sprung, and is Canadian, although there is an assembly plant in Salt Lake City. It is cost efficient for lots of space. Further information is available on YouTube.
- E. President's Report: Marija announced her concern over those members absent, and the problem we have without their input. All members of the Foundation Board are important, and we need each person's input for the process to work. Plus we need a quorum to get anything done. Marija plans to e-mail each member for their proxy vote, particularly having to do with the magazine supplement in the Skagit Valley Herald. This is very time sensitive, and the vote is need right away.
- F. For the Good of the Order: Marija was encouraged to e-mail each member for their vote.

VI. Adjournment: Meeting adjourned at 7:00pm. Next meeting will be June 13th.

Respectfully submitted,

Cheri Relyea, Secretary