

FRIENDS OF THREE CREEKS COMMUNITY LIBRARY
MEETING MINUTES

January 28, 2010

Avril Massey presided. Dennis Johnson, Karen Johnson, Elaine Gilbert, Mike Jansen and Leslie Chartrand were present. Minutes of the December meeting were read and accepted.

Treasurer's Report:

- A. There was a \$300 donation from the Vancouver Bicycle Club.
- B. Bank account balance was \$16,695.72. This does not include approximately \$4400 income from the book sale.

Branch Report (Mike Jansen):

- A. Last year total circulation was 426,017 items, including renewals and 67,000+ holds. More books were checked in than checked out – an overage of 13,000+ for the branch to handle. The 5-day schedule started in 2009, so the branch was open 500 hours less in 2009. Although funding was decreased, demand was greater. They checked out an average of 180 books/hour, compared to 150/hr previously. There were 32 fewer programs, but 1000 more attendees. The branch had about 1200 patrons per day. (The traffic already seems busier in 2010.)
- B. Next Thursday, Feb. 4 at 7-8 pm – Dr. Steven Fountain (local professor) will speak about his book, on “Horses and History in Native North America.”
- C. The Levy Lid Lift will be discussed at the Board meeting for the August 2010 election. This might allow the library to go back to a 6-day schedule and to buy books.

Foundation Report (Dennis Johnson):

- A. Gwen has set up a special credit card for selling high value donated books on Amazon. The American Book Exchange (on-line) gives the approximate value of books.
- B. There are Friends' Rooms that sell books at Battle Ground and Cascade branches. They make about \$150/day.
- C. On Monday, Feb. 28, at 6 pm, the Trustees will have their meeting at Three Creeks branch. One topic is the Facilities Plan for the next 20 years (Three Creeks is on page 59 in the report). Another is the 139th St. interchange; the street will be four lanes. Construction might begin this year or next, probably starting at 29th Ave.
- D. The campaign for the Levy Lid Lift will probably ask the FVRL Foundation for funding for public education.
- E. Friends Fair – topic or theme is still to be decided. The Fair is usually in April. Discussion of possible topics included a suggestion to look at ways that Friends' funding can help libraries. Perhaps a panel discussion titled “Okay, You've Raised the Money – Now What?”
- F. The Authors & Illustrators Dinner had a net profit of about \$94,000.

- G. Safety issue – the crosswalk and handicapped spaces in front of Three Creeks need re-striping. Mike will forward the request, and Avril will make inquiries at Fred Meyer.

Book Sale:

- A. The Holiday Sale made \$3100, and the January sale made \$4400. Our group makes about \$18-20,000/year at the book sales (est. 300 man-hours per sale). This works out to about \$22/hr.
- B. The next sale is in April. The bookmarks listing 2010 book sale dates have come in.

Hospitality:

- A. The Board has a budget for dinners at their meetings. Estimated attendance is 15-20 people. FO3CL can provide dessert.

Membership:

- A. No report.

Business:

- A. Donations of books went to Share House and Innovative Services. Holly picked up books for Juvenile Hall. Also, a box of books went to the Browsers in the library.
- B. The state is looking at a possible licensing agreement for e-books. Seattle Public Library has this option.

Next Meeting Date/Time: Thursday, February 24, 2010, 7:00 p.m.

Next Book Sales: Saturday, April 17, 2010