

Friends of the Manchester Library
Meeting Minutes for February 27, 2013

Attending: C. Campbell, E. Cisney, G. Herbison, C. Kucius, B. Lounsbery, R. Nelson, R. Pardo, R. Rada, Z. Sherman, J.&J. Winslow, and guests: Bob Edwards and Jack Merrifield of a genealogical study group; Jill Jean and Ruth Bond of KRL; Jaime Forsyth of KRL Foundation

Actions pending:

All: Participate in Parents Night Out discussion meeting; date TBD.

Ray: Continue effort on copyright investigation.

Carol: Order clear label tapes

All: Provide lists of 2012 volunteers to John for update of the web site

Carol: Special Friend plaques, lunch for book sorters

Zak/Carol: work on book store signage

Joan W: Coordinate shed space allocation and storage shelf/cabinet needs

Zak/Carol: review what's in the old sheds

John/Ray: schedule audit March or April

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Rada.

Order of business suspended for KRL presentations. Jill Jean spoke about the KRL long range plan as revised for 2013. A donation of \$1 million has been received via the Kitsap Community Foundation for the Kingston library. An additional \$50k has been received for artwork in the Kingston children's area. A Paul Allen Foundation grant has been received for technology. Any donor can change the conversation with such generosity. Jill sees the 2013 goals as mostly achievable in spite of funding constraints, given the KRL staff quality. She sees technology improvements as happening in 2013. Jaime Forsyth sees the KRL system as "the little library that could". She offered help with coordinating or refining grant applications, to ensure no internal competition within the system for external grants. Jill mentioned the need for a new MOU regarding KRL gifting discards to FOLs, as the state auditors tend to see that as gifting public funds. Ruth Bond welcomed Zak to KRL, and appreciates his fresh ideas about the library spaces and fundraising. Jaime mentioned a new Foundation board member (Sharon Redpath) who is a Kingston volunteer and a capable retired Navy officer with much to offer. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as presented.

Correspondence: E. Brem. FOL newsletter, notice of a Kitsap Community Foundation fundraiser in May.

Treasurer's report: John presented January numbers, including a report of the approved amount transferred to the Endowment Fund. Ray offered to help with the annual audit.

Branch Manager's report: See separate report from Zak. He's been studying a grants database, and will have info available at the next Long Range Planning meeting. He asked if the store's signage could be altered or improved, and Carol agreed to help with that.

Bookstore report: Store is doing OK.

Newsletter: Ray reported the next issue will be out in March. Will solicit plants for the April sale, recruit volunteers for the Salmon Bake, promote Zak's programs, needs book reviews.

Facilities Manager report: The shed is done, thanks to George's work on the flooring and thresholds.

Gardens: Winter-dormant. The two big miscanthus clumps need cutting back now; Carol and Ron will do that.

Long Range Planning: A meeting was held February 23. Bob Ballard reported the owners of the property next door will not gift it, but would entertain an offer on a long term contract sale. A local potential donor will be contacted about this project. Next mtg: April 6.

MCAC: Eric reported the county staff talked about sewers and establishing an LID.

Plant Sale: The next meeting will be March 30 at Carol's. A few plants will go out for sale now, as they come into bloom or look good.

Salmon Bake: Next meeting will be week of March 27.

Old Business: Parents Night Out is still under discussion; the Board voted (somewhat faintheartedly) to continue pursuing it though finding volunteers is a major concern. Ray is still attempting to contact family members of Edith Hillstrom, and will contact the Manchester civic groups to make sure they do not have concerns with the Manchester Memories e-book production proposal. Ron has sent a letter to the Port about 2013 event dates; a few are still pending schedules. The shed flooring is installed. Ron has brought his available shelving for the shed. There is still \$349 in the Girls' Lego Fund; there was some discussion of what else might be useful for the program, including the robotics materials.

New Business: Bob Edwards presented a proposal/dilemma. Their informal genealogical study group is looking for a place to meet (with wi-fi) and is interested in an arrangement which might include exchanging group services for room rent (i.e. teaching classes as a library program). They were asked to present a proposal. Ray asked for a board policy on pricing for rare or valuable books, and whether we could/should offer them first to the FOML membership at a discount. Board agreed to that for the two books in hand; no permanent policy was set. Jaime Forsyth volunteered the info that Sharon Redpath is looking at two ways of dealing with rare books that might get all the libraries into the same method with less overall effort involved. John had left, but asked Carol to propose that the next Special Friend be the unsung book sorters, who come every week on their assigned days and keep the book store running smoothly. Carol was authorized up to \$200 to take them all to lunch at Amy's.

Meeting adjourned at 7:49 pm. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 27, 2013, from 7 to 8:15 pm in the Library.

Respectfully submitted,

Carol Campbell, Secretary