

Friends of the Lacey Library
Annual Meeting
Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Call to Order:

Interim President Jane Collins called the, March 13, 2019, meeting of the FoLL to order at 12 Noon.

Members Present:

Rosemary Conor, Holly Paxson, Larry Russell, Carolyn StClaire, Carol Eagles, Mary Gardner, John Grausam, Dennis Powell, Peg Solveson, and Paul Brunner

Minutes:

A **motion** was made, seconded, and passed to approve the minutes of the Annual Meeting held on January 9, 2019.

Reports:

Library Manager's Report:

Holly reported that TRL is currently under a soft hiring freeze as a result of budget shortages. All newly vacant jobs will be reviewed. The Lacey Loves to Read reception for novelist Kazu Kibuishi was a great success. There were 375 attendees. Holly noted that circulation was up over January and February. She also reported that the City of Lacey has been of enormous help to our Library.

Treasurer's Report:

Larry reported that our balance at the end of January, 2019, was \$58,184.03; at the end of February, 2019, it was \$62, 877.18. Addendum - 3/19/19: The credit card balance should be shown as negative, thus reducing overall funds in January by \$478.35 and \$476.67 in February. (Reflects purchases of *Books for Babies*).

Book Sale: Our next Book Sale will be on April 5th & 6th, 2019. Loretta will be asking for volunteers.

Book Sort/Sale Setup/Take down: Jane noted that Loretta has been doing an excellent job with this task.

Lobby Cart: Carol stated that sales are brisk from the Lobby Cart. She will start putting out paperbacks since we have so many. Our hard bound books need to be reserved for the Book Sale.

Book Sales:

Larry reported that our income for the February Book Sale was \$1,994.55, and \$1,196.47 from Book Place sales. These two amounts will be donated to the Lacey Library for the re-model project.

Historian: John asked that the Board consider donating 24 binders of Friends history to the Lacey Museum. He has met with the Director of the museum and she has agreed to take the material. This donation will allow more people to have access to our history and create space for the Library. A **motion** was made, seconded and passed unanimously to donate the binders and on-going material to the Lacey Museum. John noted that there were several recent years missing from the material. He is going to try to find these documents.

Internet Sales: Paul reported that several valuable books have been discovered in the Monday book sort. One of the books listed on the Internet sold for \$300.

Publicity: Rosemary has been distributing flyers for the upcoming book sale. She has included radio stations, the *Olympian* events page, internet sites, and retail locations. She noted that we need to develop a comprehensive list of where flyers are posted. Deadlines should be established for posting.

Website: Dennis stated that he has created the flyers for the book sale. The well designed flyers include pictures taken by Becky. He is putting together a slide show or video for display at the April Book Sale. Our website has had 97 visitors this month. It was suggested that he add a section to our website explaining how to make donations to the library.

Membership: Mary reported that we have 219 FoLL members including 123 who are lifetime. She is instituting the practice that all new lifetime members will receive a thank-you note. It was suggested that FoLL should work out a means for membership to be paid online using PayPal.

Old Business:

Lacey Library Fundraiser: Holly stated that the funds are in place to request proposals and quotes from architects to remodel our library. The remodel will begin in 2020. The donation of the February book sales will be made when it is requested by the City of Lacey. Holly will be starting a public relations push to raise the money necessary to complete the project. Panorama has offered to help plan an evening dinner fundraiser.

New Business:

Jane will make a presentation to the Lacey Library Board about the work of FoLL. She asked for input from the FoLL board about what points she should share.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m. The next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 8, 2019, at noon, in the Lacey Timberland Library meeting room.

Respectfully submitted,
Carolyn StClaire,
Secretary