

FRIENDS OF THE POINT ROBERTS LIBRARY

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

APRIL 25, 2015

Meeting was called order at 4:07pm. 24 people in attendance

Welcome and Introduction of Friends, Board of Directors and Library staff: Barb Wayland

Library Operational Update:

Point Roberts: Kris Lomedico

Kris reported on new computer services now offered:

--Ancestry.com,

--Hoopla—streaming 12 free movies a month,

--music downloads

--free ebooks

Opening hours will be increased during July and August, with the addition of Fridays from 10am-4pm.

Whatcom County Library System: Kyle Teeter

Kyle reported on the strategic plan covering the next 5 years which was adopted in December 2014. This includes two new hires: 1. Deputy Director 2. Youth Services Manager

Support Committee of the FOPRL Update: Barb Wayland

Barb reported that the Support Committee will be upholding the existing programs of book sales to support children's programs, the acquisition of children's magazines and the acquisition of several new magazines for general readership. There will be a quilt raffle of an antique heritage quilt, with the goal of raising \$1,000 to be donated to the new library fund.

NEW LIBRARY PROJECT UPDATE

Fund Raising Committee of the FOPRL Update: Judy Ross

Judy reported on our fourth year of fundraising.

“In most fundraising campaigns of this sort, 20% of the people make large donations, constituting about 80% of the funds. We, however, have not experienced that. Instead, we have had 80% of the people contributing 80% of the funds via smaller donations, and we are mostly missing those large donations, especially problematic for the last 20% of funding.”

She recapped the history of the fund raising which began with the Fiber Arts Festival in 2012.

Year 1 -- \$100,000 was raised

Year 2 -- \$200,000 was raised

Year 3 – Applications to Foundations for Capital Funds were made. Three foundations contributed (Northcliff, Archibald and McKercher). At the end of year3, a total of \$400,000 had been raised.

With further contributions in 2015, we are now at \$440,000. Judy and Ed Park sent a final mail out to selected Point Roberts residents, which realized \$3,000.

Judy extended a request to Doug Erikson for a directed donation, and he put the Point Roberts Library on his list for State funds in the amount of \$130,000. Special session on the WA State budget begins on April 27, 2015 and extends for one month, when we should be informed of the decision.

If the Point Roberts Library does not receive the directed donation from the WA State budget, then the Point Roberts Parks District will go to the voting public with a Levy, requesting \$130,000 for one year to complete fund raising.

Perspective from Park and Recreation District: Mark Robbins

Mark reported that in 2009 the Parks District bought the old Julius Fire Hall (sold by the Fire Dept.) for undetermined use. It has subsequently been used for storage for the food bank and used books, and includes a small rental unit in the front.

FOPRL asked for the building in order to build a new library. In a Memo of Understanding (MOU), the Parks District articulated its commitment to close any gap in fund raising through a Levy.

Update on Design Committee Input: Peter Laird

Peter reported that the Design Committee is comprised of 7 members representing the Point Roberts community. The committee has conducted open meetings twice over the past 6 months. The mandate of the committee is a discussion of the exterior design of the new library. WCLS staff has attended the meetings.

David King's Presentation of Revised Architectural Plan:

Architect David King expressed his enthusiasm for the grass roots support in the community. He reviewed the initial feasibility study and the resulting assessment of the desirability of the Julius Fire Hall's central location and the appropriateness of the existing footprint for a new library.

He stated the goal of his design is to create a sense of wonder upon entering the new library. The schematic design was presented in a virtual 3D model. With Ed Park's assistance on computer, David provided a virtual "Helicopter Tour" of the exterior and interior of the new library. Questions were welcomed from the audience and pertained to concerns including: roofing material, facilities, shelving layouts, and the children's area.

BUSINESS MEETING:

Approval of Minutes from 2014 AGM: Alan Marter moved to accept, Kris Lomedico seconded, all in favor.

Financial Report: Ed Park, Treasurer, reported that we have \$440,000 banked. Alan Marter is helping to steer the audit process. Ed offered thanks to Alan and Louise Cassidy.

Election of 2015-2016 Board of Directors: Motion to vote in existing slate was made by Ed Park and seconded by Alan Marter. All in favor.

President: Barbara Wayland

Vice President: Stephen Falk

Treasurer: Ed Park

Secretary: Margot Griffiths

DRAWING FOR DOOR PRIZES

Meeting adjourned at 6pm.

Minutes submitted by Margot Griffiths, Secretary, FOPRL Board of Directors.