



MOUNT VERNON CITY LIBRARY
315 Snoqualmie Street
Mount Vernon, WA 98273
REGULAR BOARD MEETING
Thursday, May 13th, 2021
MINUTES

Call to Order:

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In Attendance: Kalohi Clark, Isaac Huffman, Lyne Olson, Frank Repplier, Joan Gordon

Approval of Minutes:

- Amendments: "it has an overdue library book, "remove big B."

Visitors: None

Surplus Material:

- Weeding reference for the first time in ten years
- Oversized books are being weeded as well
- Fiction weeding and duplicate copies are being evaluated
- Children's collection is doing a materials quality assessment

Budget Reports:

- **Revenue**
 - Skagit Community Foundation check will arrive next month
 - Tax revenue is looking good
- **Expenditures**
 - We are still operating with a healthy margin of about 20% spent to date (13% ahead)
 - American Relief Funding Dollars are going to have a better plan in a few months. Reimbursement will be provided once a plan is in place.

Statistics:

- We are one year into the pandemic. We have grown a lot more physical circulation since a year ago.
- Curbside at a statistical double from its start
- Seed library 162 seed packet requests 3400 packets in total.
- Volunteers are again arriving in the building.

- We will report on the outstanding items next month.

Library Updates:

- **New Building**

- Received \$2,000,000 is the state capital budget
- Received \$500,000 additional dollars for EV charging stations
- Shortlisted by U.S. Congresswoman Suzan Delbene
- The next focus is federal dollars – (RAISE grant/advocacy)

Discussion Library Commons

- Kalohi gave his recommendations on advocacy
- Everyone agreed that the children's section needs to be isolated

- **Reopening**

- HR has the full-time applicants' interviews will be scheduled shortly
- HR part-time applications in review now
- Staffing will prevent a full reopening on July 6th. But we will have open hours
- City Council ultimately sets the hours – new hours under consideration.
 - (Maybe 9:00–6:00 pm)
- A new book drop has been installed

- **RFID**

- The tags were delayed and we will not complete RFID before we open.
- Weeding as we go is a good for the collection.

Advisement:

- **The naming of the New Library Collection**

- Cascadia Collection?
- Open to a donor named collection
- Breakdown by subject important, village books has a good example

- **Discussion Tribal Break out**

- We might want to have a special Salish Peoples section

Policy Updates:

- **Policy Review Plan**

- Circulation Policy
 - We discussed how to have all the policies follow the same convention
 - We discussed edit to make to the circulation policy

- Collection development policy
 - We will discuss this policy at the next meeting.

Round Table:

- Frank
 - We talked about the need to hand off discarded collection items
 - Starts – The seed library having a starts exchange is a great idea
- Lyne
 - Looking forward to the July open
- Jessica
 - She liked the March Mystery Game.
- Joan
 - Joan talked about King County's Free Multi-Cultural Book Give-Away.
 - Isaac will follow up with King County about the Program – on Kalohi suggestion
- Kalohi
 - Kalohi talked about the development of the former library location and the need for a residential library.
 - He talked about how the Cambridge Library System worked. It sounded lovely.
 - We talked about the need to have a library vehicle

Meeting Adjourned at 7:35 pm.

Next Meeting: Thursday, June 10th, 2021, at 5:30 pm.

Isaac Huffman, Library Director